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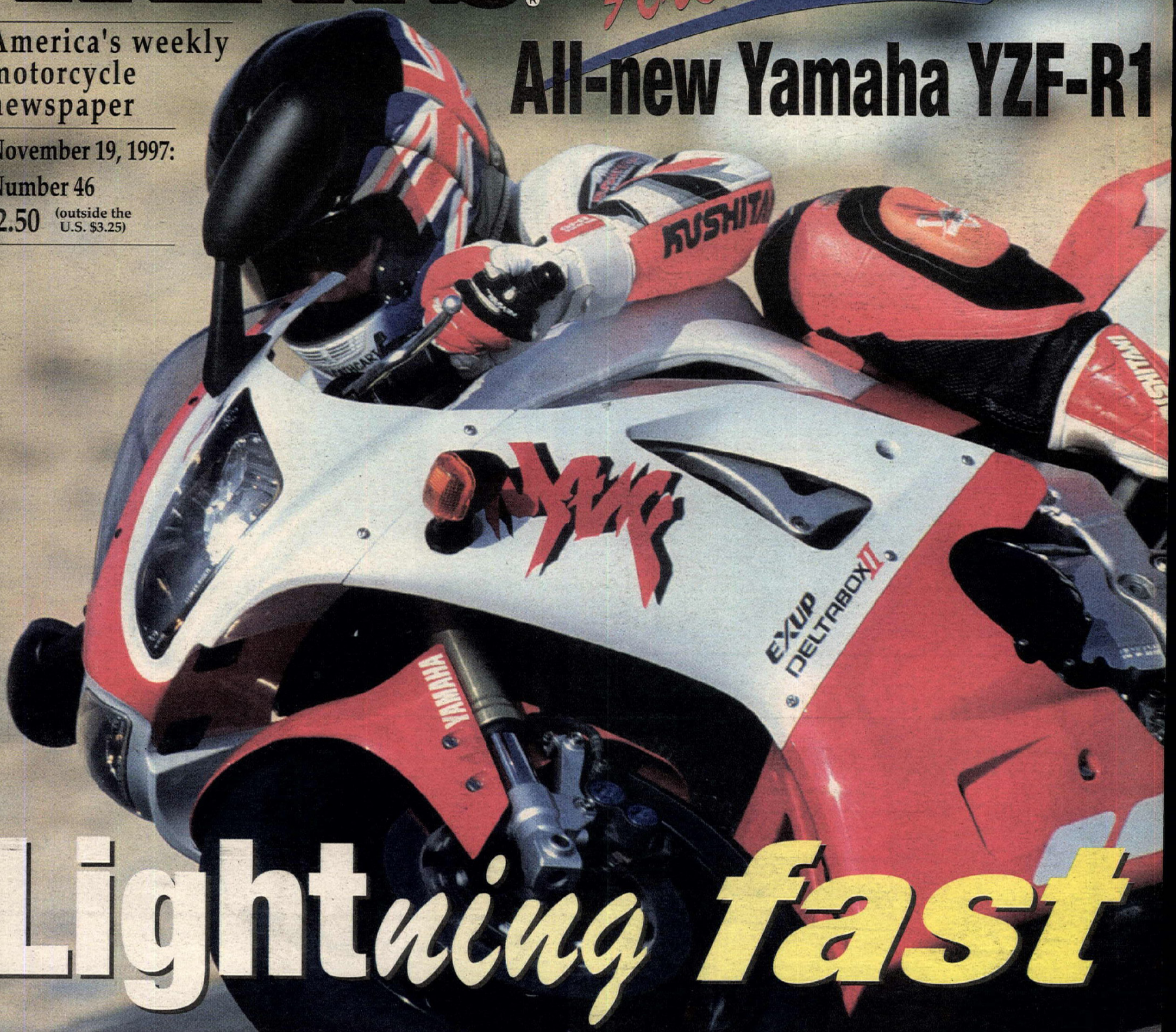

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Plus: Nevada National H&H; Barcelona Supercross; Larry Ward interview; and more...

Lance Smail (KTM), **Steve Lamson** (Hon) and **Ty Davis** (Kaw) were some of the big winners at the Lake Elsinore Grand Prix in Lake Elsinore, California, November 8-9. Abbott topped the Unclassified, Four-Stroke and Open Pro classes; Lamson topped the Hamel 100, and Davis raced to victory in the 125 and 250cc Pro, and Over 25 Expert classes. Other winners included **Brent Wallingsford** (Kaw) in the Legends division, **John DeSoto** in the Vintage race, and **Mike Baker** (Hon) in the Over 35 Expert class.

Scott Plessinger was the overall winner at round two of the AMA Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series in Lynnville, Indiana, on November 9. **Doug Blackwell** (Yam) took second and was followed across the finish line by **Duane Conner** (Yam), **Jim Jarrett** (Yam) and **Mike Sampson** (Kaw), in that order.

Rusty Holland (Kaw) was the big winner at the West Coast Arenacross Challenge at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, California, on November 8. Holland won both the 125 and 250cc classes, as well as the Dash For Cash.

According to *Cycle News* World Superbike sources, indications are that **Colin Edwards II** has signed a deal with Honda to take the Castrol Honda RC45 ride formerly held by World Superbike Champion John Kocinski. The deal bodes well for the 23-year-old Texan, who found himself out of work after his contract with the Yamaha World Superbike team was not renewed when he appeared set to sign with the Red Bull Yamaha team for the 500cc Grands Prix. Once that deal fell through, Edwards appeared to be out of work for 1998, but with Kocinski reportedly moving on to the MoviStar Honda team of Sito Pons, Edwards became one of the primary candidates for the Castrol Honda squad. Edwards reportedly contacted Honda, and an agreement has been reached, though it has not yet been officially announced. If he has signed, then it is conceivable that Edwards could be in Castrol colors for the '98 Daytona 200.

Yamaha Motor Corp. USA has announced the promotion of **Jim Gentz** to president of the Motorsports Group. "I'm very honored to take this lead role within Yamaha's U.S. operations," Gentz said. "Yamaha's progressiveness in naming an American president of a Japanese motorcycle importer is unique within the industry and shows the company's dedication to marketing to American consumers." With this promotion to president, Gentz is responsible for day-to-day operations, including sales, sales administration, and marketing of all motorsports products. Gentz was most recently senior vice president of the Motorsports Group and has served in various capacities of Yamaha's motorized-recreation business during his 30-year tenure with the company.

Former Eastern Regional 125cc Supercross champion **Brian Swink** has called it quits. Swink is now focusing his attention on his own business selling clothing. Swink is working with his friend and fellow Floridian Ron Tichenor on opening his own streetwear store near Swink's hometown of Fenton, Michigan. Tichenor and his wife, Brandi, opened their own store, Bent Frame, in Palm Harbor, Florida, last year. Swink's store, also called Bent Frame, which he plans to open in mid-November, will feature such clothing and accessory lines as Oakley, Troy Lee Designs, Pornstar and Black Flys. Swinks says he might compete at selected events during the 1998 season.

BMW of North America Inc. has been selected by the California Department of General Services to provide a fleet of authority motorcycles for use by the **California Highway Patrol**. One hundred and fifty **1998 BMW R1100RT-P** police motorcycles will be purchased from A&S BMW Motorcycles of Citrus Heights, California, beginning this month. BMW was selected over Harley-Davidson and Kawasaki in the bidding process, which takes place annually. "Law enforcement agencies around the country are beginning to take a closer look at BMW motorcycles because they offer features and benefits not found on any other motorcycle sold for official use," said Jeff Byers, national marketing manager for the BMW Motorcycle Group. "BMW offers the only authority motorcycle with an antilock braking system, and studies have shown that our bikes are also the most cost-effective to own and operate."

The Australian-built **Drysdale 750cc V-eight** will make its racing debut in the Shell Advance Six-Hour endurance race at Oran Park near Sydney, Australia, on November 30. The bike will compete in the event's Formula One class and will be ridden by 125cc riders J.J. O'Reilly and Andrew Willy, according to *Cycle News* contributor Darryl Flack. The race is also open to superbikes, Formula Xtreme bikes and 600cc Supersport motorcycles, and should prove to be a big test for the new V-eight. Buildup to the race has been surrounded by controversy following the pullout of a major sponsor before Shell stepped in to sponsor the event. In addition, up to eight different rule changes have been made since the race was first announced, leading to several top Formula Xtreme teams boycotting the race.

Casey Folks, director of the Best in the Desert Racing Association, has released the **1998 Silver State Series** race schedule. The second annual Silver State Series consists of four rounds, with the first being the Tonopah 300 in Tonopah, Nevada, April 17-18; the second round, the Silver State 300, will start in Mesquite on June 26 and end in Ely, Nevada, on June 28; the third round will be Vegas-to-Reno (545 miles), October 1-4; and the newly added final round will be the Terrible Town 200 in Pahrump, Nevada, December 4-6. For more information, please contact Casey Folks at the Best in the Desert Racing Association, 702/457-5775, fax 702/641-2431, web address www.bitd.com.

O'Neal USA has signed Team Chaparral/Yamaha's **Jimmy Button** to wear O'Neal apparel during the 1998 season. Button, national number 11, finished ninth overall in both the 250cc Supercross and Motocross series. Button's O'Neal debut will take place at the Bercy Supercross in Paris, France, November 7-9.

After many long years of waiting, it is finally time to reopen **Snowy Trail** in the Gorman OHV Park in Southern California - and volunteers are needed. Work began on the weekend of October 25, 1997, and will continue each following weekend until completion. To help, simply call the Mount Pinos Ranger Station at 805/245-3731 to make sure that the work has not been canceled due to inclement weather and to find out the time and location to meet for the work party.

Canadian road racer **Neil Jenkins**, along with his tuner, Scott Miller, and his sponsor, Fast Company, have left Yamaha and will be the official Canadian Suzuki factory team in the 1998 Toyota Canada Superbike National Championship. Jenkins will ride the new fuel-injected GSXR750 in the Superbike class and a GSXR600 in the Sportbike division. Jenkins has ridden Yamahas for five years, winning round two of the 1997 championship at Chilliwack, British Columbia, and led the series for much of the season. He began his career riding Suzukis, however.

According to newspaper reports from DeLand, Florida, next year's **AHRMA road race** at the **DeLand Airport** may be the last. According to the Sentinel, city officials, citing doubts about attendance and the cost of the event, are considering not renewing a three-year agreement to put on the race after the 1998 race, scheduled for February 26-27. In a letter to AHRMA executive director Jeff Smith, DeLand city manager Wayne Sanborn wrote: "At this stage, I would simply want to be very honest with you and advise that unless there is a substantial increase in spectator interest in this race, this office has serious concerns about the city's desire to continue this

Speed(way)vision

Speedway fans who subscribe to the Speedvision satellite and cable network can plan on getting a healthy dose of their favorite sport, as Speedvision will be televising all six rounds of the 1997 World Individual Championship Speedway Grand Prix Series in November and December. American race fans who subscribe can watch as Greg Hancock travels the road to the World Championship by tuning in to the dates and times listed below. All listings are Pacific time. Listings are tentative and subject to change.

November 11 @ 10 a.m.	Prague and Sweden (two hours)
November 11 @ 6 p.m.	Sweden and Germany (two hours)
November 11 @ 10 p.m.	Sweden and Germany (two hours)
November 16 @ 11 a.m.	Sweden and Germany (two hours)
November 18 @ 10 a.m.	Sweden and Germany (two hours)
November 23 @ 11 a.m.	Germany and England (two hours)
November 25 @ 10 a.m.	Germany and England (two hours)
November 25 @ 6 p.m.	England (one hour)
November 25 @ 10 p.m.	England (one hour)
November 30 @ 11 a.m.	England (one hour)
December 2 @ 10 a.m.	England (one hour)
December 2 @ 6 p.m.	England (one hour)
December 2 @ 10 p.m.	Poland (one hour)
December 7 @ 11 a.m.	Poland (one hour)
December 9 @ 10 a.m.	Denmark (one hour)
December 9 @ 6 p.m.	Denmark (one hour)
December 9 @ 10 p.m.	Denmark (one hour)
December 14 @ 12 p.m.	England (one hour)
December 16 @ 10 a.m.	Denmark (one hour)

Gainesville National MX dropped; Tampa SX added to '98 schedule

PACE Motor Sports and the American Motorcyclist Association announced the addition of a 16th round to the 1998 Thor/Parts Unlimited AMA Supercross Series. The event, scheduled for February 28, will be held at Houlihan's Stadium in Tampa, Florida.

The addition of Tampa was made possible by the working relationship between Gary Becker, CEO of PACE Motor Sports, and Bill West, president of World Sports. The desire to change the Gainesville Motocross National into a supercross event, according to West, was in the best interest of off-road motorcycling. It means that for the first time in recent years, the supercross and motocross programs will have two distinct schedules with transition time in between. It also enables PACE and the AMA to schedule the future supercross series races with the necessary days off.

"This move should demonstrate a sensitivity to the entire motorcycle industry's wish to discontinue overlapping of the supercross and motocross schedules," Becker said. "We feel confident that this will take us a step further in demonstrating the commitment PACE has to the sport."

West, the longtime promoter of the Gainesville National, agreed that the time has come to make this change. "We are sad to see the passing of the Gainesville National," West said. "The race has played an integral role in the history of the AMA Pro Motocross Series. However, I am confident that the separation of the supercross and motocross programs will be a welcomed change to the sport. World Sports will now focus entirely on our amateur and semi-pro events."

race. The commitment of our people and our public investment has not produced the rewards that all of us had envisioned." According to the report, the airport race track may require resurfacing prior to the 1998 race, and AHMRA has offered to contribute money for the work. Also, a separate group - The Elite Motorcycle Club - has asked to have future races at the airport.

Carrollton Kawasaki in Dallas, Texas, will field a three-man team in the AMA PJ1 Arenacross Series. The team will feature Cliff Palmer, Grayson Goodman and Brad Woolsey.

WERA has announced its **1998 WERA National Endurance Series schedule**, which will consist of 10 rounds. All dates are tentative. The dates and venues are as follows: April 4 - Talladega Grand Prix, Talladega, Alabama; April 25 - Memphis Motorsports Park, Memphis, Tennessee; May 15 - Road Atlanta, Braselton, Georgia; June 13 - Roebling Road, Faulkville, Georgia; June 26 - Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis, Indiana; July 11 - Grattan Raceway, Grattan, Michigan; August 1 - Summit Point Raceway, Summit Point, West Virginia; August 22 - Putnam Park Road Course, Mount Meridian, Indiana; September 19 - Texas World Speedway, College Station, Texas; October 16 - Road Atlanta, Braselton, Georgia. For more information, contact WERA at 770/924-8404.

AMA Grand National dirt tracker **Kevin Atherton** underwent surgery on Thursday, October 30, to repair the broken metacarpals in his right hand he suffered when he struck the outside guardrail during his heat race at the Del Mar Mile series finale. Atherton said that the outpatient procedure, which took place near his hometown in Michigan, was successful and that a complete recovery is expected. "It was worse than the doctors first thought," Atherton said. "They were concerned that there might be some tendon damage, but there weren't any problems with that. I'm going to be all right; it'll just take time."

Kevin Atherton also told *Cycle News* that his future as a dirt track racer is less than certain at this time, as he is, once again, considering a move to road racing. "I love what I do (dirt track)," the 26-year-old Atherton said, "but there comes a time when I have to start thinking about my future, and making some more money. As far as professional motorcycle racing goes, that's in road racing. I've got a few offers, and I'm looking into it. Heck, I've done just about everything that you can do in dirt track without actually winning the championship. We'll see." Total Control Racing's team manager Tom Cummings said that he is aware of Atherton's intentions, and that the team is planning for the 1998 season accordingly. "We've talked about it," Cummings said, "and if Kevin decides to go road racing, we would probably still run selected dirt track races with him. But me and Davey (Watts) and Randy (Brady) would work wide open on Will Davis' bikes, and try to win the championship. We haven't shut the door on Kevin, but whether or not (team owner) Benson Ford wants to do that, I don't know. I do know that I need my main guy to *want* to be a dirt tracker." Cummings also mentioned that TCR might field another part-time rider, **Nicky Hayden**, in 1998, although no plans are confirmed as of yet.

Fast Cycles Racing is now accepting resumes for the 1998 motocross racing season. Resumes may be sent to Fast Cycles Racing, attn: Cat & Jeff, 917 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245.

The first three rounds of the 1997 **Action Sports Arenacross Series** will be held in Dayton, Ohio, November 21-23, in the Hara Arena. The series will move to the Expo Center Coliseum in Columbus, Ohio, for rounds four, five and six, and rounds seven, eight and nine will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds. For more information, call 614/594-6686.

Entries are still available for the 14th **Los Angeles-Barstow to Las Vegas Dual Sport ride**, November 28-29. This year's event will begin at Bert's Motorcycle Mall in Azusa, California. For more information, call 818/249-2141, ext. 31.

Ducati will host a worldwide gathering of Ducati fans, June 13-15, in the Emilia Romagna region of Italy. The entire Ducati staff will be on hand to meet with the public. The event will feature races, rides, parades, concerts, visits to the factory, and more.

The AMA has released its bonus payouts for the 1997 road racing season. Elf Lubricants paid out a total of $10,000 to the top 10 finishers in the AMA 250cc Grand Prix Series, with **Rich Oliver** earning the winner's share of $2500. **Miguel DuHamel** was the highest-earning superbike rider in the year-end MBNA Superbike Series payout, with a total of $7000 for his late-season victories and podium finishes. **Doug Chandler** pocketed $5500 in MBNA bonus money, while **Mat Mladin** earned $4000. **Jason Pridmore** was the top money-earner in Teamline 750cc Supersport payouts, earning $2500 from the title sponsor of the series. DuHamel was back on top in earnings from Honda Pro Oils for his 600cc Supersport Series championship, earning another $2500. **Andrew Stroud** also pocketed $2500 in bonus money from Pirelli for his success in the Formula Xtreme Series. **Eric Bostrom**, meanwhile, also earned $2500 in bonus money from Progressive Insurance for his Harley-Davidson SuperTwins championship.

Bricker & Eckler, *Cycle News*, Naughton Insurance Inc. and PACE Motor Sports have joined Speedvision, Honda, Kawasaki, American Motorcyclist Institute and American Motorcyclist magazine as sponsors of the **AMA National Champions Awards Banquet**, scheduled for December 13 at the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The **Sidecar Racers Association** will hold its (west) awards luncheon on Sunday, November 23, at 1 p.m. at the Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova, California.

Elf Lubricants is currently accepting resumes for the 1998 racing season. Resumes may be sent to Elf Rider Support, Elf Lubricants North America, 5 N. Stiles St., Linden, NJ 07036-0001.

The bike hasn't won yet, but the web site may... The **Team Roberts** site on the World Wide Web has been chosen as one of the five finalists in the Entertainment Online/Web Site category of the fifth annual New Media Invision Awards Festival, scheduled for November 10 in San Francisco, California. Roberts' site was produced by dv8, an interactive agency in Durango, Colorado. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.robertsgroup.com.

Sherri Kukla, the editor and publisher of San Diego Off-Road Magazine, recently received the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission's prestigious "Best Volunteer of the Year" award during ceremonies held in Auburn, California.

Memorial services were held for longtime motorcyclist **Bob Labrie** at St. John the Evangelist Church in Concord, New Hampshire, on October 30. Labrie died on October 28 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Memorial donations may be made to the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery, c/o the Adjutant General, 4 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301.

Mycomm Productions has released the schedule for the **1998 AMA Four-Stroke Western National Series**. It is as follows: Redding, California, April 4-5; Phoenix, Arizona, April 11-12; Perris, California, April 18-19; Yakima, Washington, May 30-31; Salt Lake City, Utah, June 6-7; Denver, Colorado, June 27-28; Boise, Idaho, July 11-12; Albany, Oregon, August 8-9; Ward Creek, Washington, August 23-24; and Lake Whitney, Texas, September 5-6. Though it is not official yet, Mycomm Productions and PACE Motor Sports are hoping to run a new and as-yet-unnamed indoor four-stroke series. This series is set to begin mid-January and will be held at seven different venues. Also new in 1998 will be the **USA Sound of Thunder Amateur Championship Series** - it will consist of approximately 20 qualifiers held throughout the United States, with the final talking place in Denver, Colorado, August 28-30. For more information, call 916/365-1979.

In conjunction with the **Florida Winter National Mini Olympics** at St. Petersburg, Florida, November 24-29, the folks at **FMF** say they have rented a practice track near the Mini Olympics race site and will have an open practice for all FMF-supported racers on November 22. FMF will have its suspension technicians and engine specialists on hand to assist with jetting and suspension settings and modifications, and to provide help for all FMF racers. For more information, call 213/539-6884.

Jennifer Tribou, the registrar and scorer at Summit Point Raceway in Summit Point, West Virginia, was injured in an automobile accident on October 25 when the car in which she was traveling skidded off a road and struck a tree. Tribou suffered back and ankle injuries. Cards and letters may be sent to Jennifer at 423 Randolph Lane, Schuyler, VA 22969.

BORN: Evander George Hughes, to Team Kawasaki's Ryan Hughes and Jennifer Anderson, on November 10, in Riverside, California.

BORN: Taylor Mackenzie Lamson, to two-time AMA 125cc National MX Champion Steve Lamson and his wife, Cammy, on November 4, in Riverside, California.

PROMOTED: Dennis McNeal, to general manager of the Motorsports Group for Yamaha Motor Corp. USA. McNeal is responsible for the motorsports sales force, including regional and district managers, as well as the national dealer network. He will concentrate on sales of motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles and outdoor power equipment.

OPEN HOUSE: At Marsee Products in Temecula, California, on November 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 800/293-2400.

OPEN HOUSE: At Orange County Honda in Orange, California, on November 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 714/771-9777.

BORN: Dylan Zachary Wilson, to Suzuki technical department supervisor Jeff Wilson and his wife, Meredith, on October 14 in Southern California.

BORN: Robert Bradley, to Rebecca Thomas, president of the Championship Cup Series (CCS), and her husband, Randy, in Skyland, North Carolina, on October 29. CN

Emig crowned King of Bercy

Team Kawasaki's Jeff Emig stretched out his points lead in the FIM World Supercross Series after rounds two, three and four were played out in Paris, France, November 7-9.

Emig took only one moto win of the total six main events (two each night) of the three nights in Paris, but his consistent placings netted him the King of Bercy crown with a tally of 89 points. He was followed by teammate Damon Huffman with 79 points and Yamaha-mounted Jimmy Button with 74 points. More importantly, Emig extended his series lead to 22 points over runner-up Huffman, 124-102. Currently third in the series is Frenchman Frederic Bolley, with 78 points

Emig's plan of consistent results is, thus far, going perfectly. "I just want to score as well as I can, as often as I can. So far it's been great," Emig said. "I don't want to put too much pressure on myself."

Jeremy McGrath, the 1994-95 World Supercross Champion, had a mixed weekend with a win on Sunday night and a nonqualifying ride on Friday.

"It was just bad luck," McGrath said of his failing to qualify on the opening night of racing. "I crashed in my heat, then got a terrible start in the last-chance (qualifier)."

McGrath, who did not compete at the series opener in Barcelona, Spain, is currently sixth in the series point standings with 69 points.

Despite his so-so performance in Paris, McGrath was happy to end the weekend on a winning note. "To finally win a major event, beating Emig and the other Americans was a real thrill," McGrath said, "but this is just the start. I've got a lot of work to do."

Emig was also thrilled. "Hey, I've finally won the King of Bercy crown," Emig said. "If I finish second here for the rest of my career, I'll be happy."

Other winners at the Paris Supercross included Huffman, who opened up the three-night supercross with a 1-1 victory on Friday, and Button took the overall win on Saturday.

Geoff Meyer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The name game

I noted with interest the Ducati "Name Game" item in Cycle News ("Letter from Europe," Issue #43, October 29). You quote my fellow designer Massimo Vignelli's stated rationale for the redesign of Ducati's corporate identity - that its inspiration is the uniform attention to detail that existed at Ducati in the pre-WWII era: "From the design of the logo to communications material, from the offices to the furniture, from packing materials to employee uniforms, everything was designed with care and style."

I wonder if Vignelli, an expatriate Italian, looked at Bruno Ducati's book on the company's history, which shows that Ducati was closely controlled by Mussolini's fascist government at this time. The care and style in all details was implemented and enforced by the military, to help assure loyalty to the regime and to make its presence felt in all aspects of life. To use such practices as a "design reference" seems a bit unsavory. But worse than this, Ducati was not yet a motorcycle manufacturer - they first produced moped motors in the postwar period, and no motorcycles at all until the '50s, by which time it was a much-changed company. There's simply no relevance between the facility policies of that camera and electronics manufacturer and today's Ducati company.

Massimo Vignelli has had a distinguished career, but let's get our feet on the ground. As Ducati's new corporate identity was being "rolled out" by their new "Global Image Director," David Gross, Honda was unseating Ducati from their perch as owner of the World Superbike Championship. What Ducati *really* needs is the 1998 Superbike title - no amount of sophisticated merchandising tactics can equal its importance in selling new Ducati motorcycles.

Bruce Finlayson
Madison, WI

Harleys rule, or Harley rules

I personally take great exception to your coverage of the Harley-Davidson Twin Sports World Final, held November 1-2 at Daytona International Speedway (Issue #45, November 12). The most accurate statement of the entire article was the headline - "Cheaters Rule."

I would like to start by identifying Mike Ciccotto's tuner as the very talented Woody Kyle. Woody has been building very fast, very dependable and very legal racing machines for well over 25 years. Though Woody may not have grabbed the headlines such as Muzzy or Ferracci, he is very well respected by his peers and anyone who has ever thrown a leg over one of his awesome works of art. Any racer who grids alongside a machine with that famous "wkr" logo on the tank knows it's going to be tough to beat.

The only things I see as "ludicrous" about Harley Twin Sports racing are the rules themselves. From AMA's "completely stock" to NASB's "horsepower after the fact" rules, it's all B.S. How can a 1200cc machine with 59 hp on the dyno lap Daytona two seconds faster than an 883 with approximately 67 hp and the same rider on board? That was exactly the case at Daytona.

For those of you who believe any of the top bikes only had 65 hp on the track, the good news is that December 25 is not far away and Santa is looking forward to seeing you, too.

The only "black mark" I could see on young Mr. Ciccotto's career were the ones he was painting all over the speedway on a very crude - by 1997 standards - machine.

Congratulations to Woody, Mike and bike owner Jimmy Stevens. The way I saw it from my vantage point on the infield was that the World Class of Harley Twin Sports came into your back yard and you kicked their asses... twice.

John Blackstock
Clermont, GA

Ciccotto was disqualified from the Twin Sports World Finals after officials discovered that his throttle had a mechanism that prevented it from being opened completely, in an effort to show less than the maximum horsepower when it was tested on the dynamometer. One official said that his bike measured 55 hp on the dyno before the race and 63 hp after the race... Editor.

No fan of Johnny K

Having watched the Indonesian round of the World Superbike Series last night, I'm left with a couple of impressions of John Kocinski: He is not much of a teammate, depriving Aaron Slight of needed points in the first race; and he showed little regard for Simon Crafar in race two, a race that nearly ended in tragedy for the Kawasaki rider.

In both cases, Kocinski showed his selfishness - his personal "10 win" agenda coming before all else. If he does indeed end up on a 500 for 1998, I'm one American hoping Mick Doohan beats him like a drum.

Richard Janes Jr.
San Luis Obispo, CA

Low class?

I can't believe that a class-A company like *Cycle News* would promote such low-class companies like FAH-Q Racing by advertising their pathetic web site. The site is filled with filthy language and it promotes T-shirts with designs that say "Shoot Heroin" and "Twist that F—— thing, you pu—." Well, you get the idea. I go to your web site every week and link to the new sites you promote. This one is a disgrace to our sport.

Bret Mitchell
Paccrest@mind.net.

And again.

Sorry to see you allow such organisms as FAH-Q Racing to inhabit your paper. Is this helpful in attracting the tattoo-and-nose-ring set into the market?

Unless there is money involved, I really can't envision any particular benefit to helping such an organization spread their vulgarity. Obviously, they must be a group that is unable to attract attention in any other way.

Do you have an explanation for why *Cycle News* is connected to them? Or am I just an old-fashioned prude?

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Alan Cathcart rides the all-new Yamaha YZF-R1 in Spain. See page 6 for a riding impression of Yamaha's latest open-class sportbike. Photos by Gold & Goose.

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Blunting the 'Blade

By Alan Cathcart
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Bottom line first: The new Yamaha YZF-R1 more than lives up to expectations. This is *the one*.

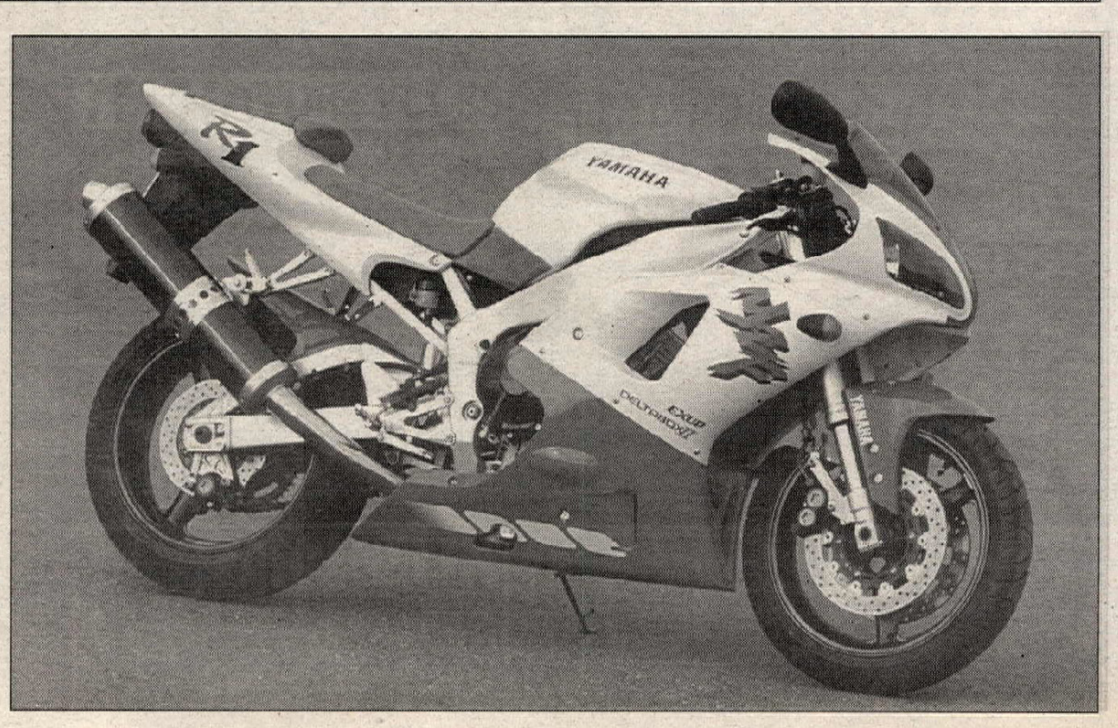
After its launch at the Milan Show in September, Yamaha dealers around the world have been flooded with orders and have taken cash deposits from customers seduced by the new hyperbike's distinctive looks, awesome power-to-weight ratio, groundbreaking technical design and promised performance. Those customers can relax - their money is safe. This is a bike that delivers everything that it promises. And more.

A day's track-testing at the Cartagena race circuit in Spain, including a 100-mile ride each way to and from the track, underlined Yamaha's achievement in producing the R1 - but, ironically, not as much as did a 186-mile trip the following day in rain and sun through the hill country of southern Spain, because this is a functional hyperbike, a leading-edge product in terms of track performance that nevertheless makes a practical, even comfortable, road ride, too. Forget the Thunderace YZF1000, a supersport tourer that is essentially a makeover of the established FZR1000 EXUP, and that was introduced as a stopgap measure to counter the success of the Honda FireBlade in the lucrative hypersports market. It may have taken Yamaha half a decade to respond properly to Honda's groundbreaking introduction of the CBR900RR, but the heavy hints dropped at the Thunderace launch two years ago about an all-new hypersports contender that would blunt the 'Blade have been fulfilled.

Just as the Honda set new standards for the hypersports class when it was launched five years ago, so does the R1 set the benchmark by which others will be judged into the next millenium - including the Honda, which it clearly surpasses. Even the new Kawasaki ZX-9R seems to be just a better 'Blade, whereas, in creating the R1, Yamaha has moved the goal posts by building a new kind of bike - not just on paper, for reasons made evident by reading the spec sheet, but out there where it really matters, in real-world riding conditions.

This is a very significant motorcycle - one which changes the face of two-wheeled design as we know it. Any manufacturer aiming to surpass the R1 with an in-line four will have to follow the same new design parameters that Yamaha has introduced, but it isn't just the FireBlade that's in Yamaha's firing line. For this is a four-cylinder sportbike that thinks like a twin. As such, it challenges the 916 Ducati, the new TL1000R Suzuki, and whatever hypertwin Honda is planning to build on the basis of the VTR1000. On the twins' traditional battleground of light weight, slim build and nimble handling, the Yamaha offers all this - but with the extra horsepower of its 20-valve, DOHC 998cc motor, delivering enhanced performance coupled with the same agile handling. And it looks good, too. At last, a Japanese bike with style as well as substance - one that looks like nothing else on the marketplace and has a distinctive "face" all its own.

You don't need Kunihiko Miwa, the



Light speed: Yamaha's new YZF-R1 represents more than just a hot, new open-class sportbike. The bike represents the first in a new generation of Yamaha sportbikes as the company moves toward the 21st century. The 390-pound, 150-hp 1000 is bullet-fast and docile at the same time. (Far right) The left side of the bike showcases its sleek, compact appearance. Wheelbase is an amazing 54.9 inches, making the R1 the only open-class sportbike in existence to check in at under 55 inches.

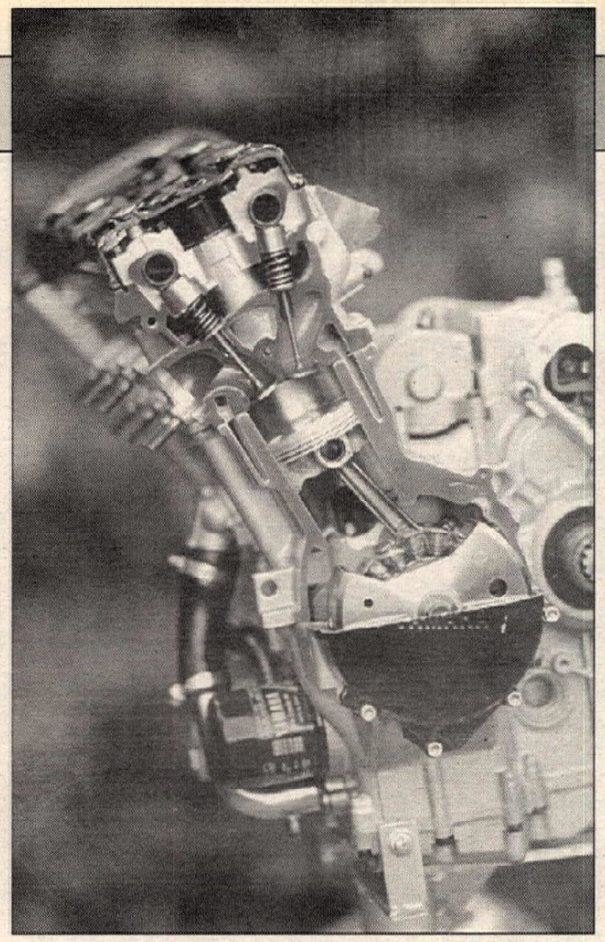
leader of the R&D team which created the R1 and thus a sort of Japanese equivalent of the Two Massimos - Bordi and Tamburini combined - to explain to you the philosophy behind this four-cylinder ultrabike. Just sit on it and ride one mile down the road to discover how and why Yamaha produced it, targeting it to have the most power, the least weight and the most compact build for the one-liter sportbike class.

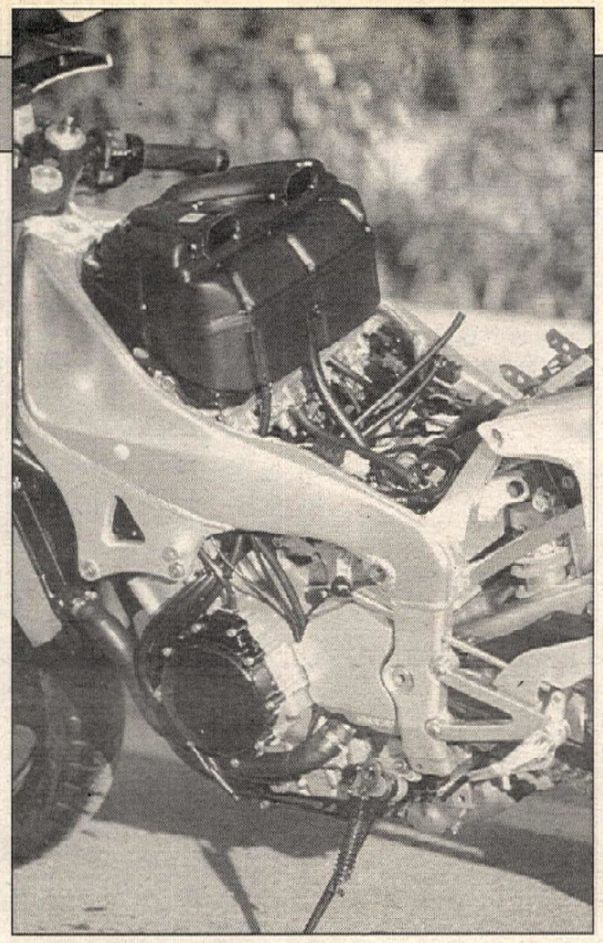
"No compromises - that was our philosophy!" says Miwa-san. "We started with a clean sheet of paper to create this motorcycle, with the aim of creating the best technical package and most ridable performance machine a customer could buy from any manufacturer. We had no conditions - we could have used a V-twin engine with six-valve cylinder heads if we thought this was ideal - but after careful analysis, we decided the best way was to develop some existing Yamaha design features to perfection - like the deltabox frame, five-valve slantblock engine format, and EXUP exhaust system - then add some new ideas to create the most effective sports motorcycle on the market today."

Miwa-san succeeded, and three vital statistics say it all: 150 bhp (at the crank, equating to 128 bhp at the rear wheel), 390 pounds (dry weight) and 54.9 inches (wheelbase). What Yamaha has done here is create a machine with the build and weight of a 600 Supersport but with the power of a one-litre hyperbike - more bike, in fact, than has ever been offered to the marketplace before by any volume manufacturer from any country. The FireBlade promised this, but still hasn't delivered; petite, yet power-packed, the R1 does.

It looks physically small when you see it in the metal - a TRX850 towers over it, a YZF600 Thundercat is hardly any smaller - an impression confirmed when you sit on the R1. Bimota would have been proud to have built this bike, and if the Italians ever arrange a supply of the new R1 engine for a YB(?), they'll have a job improving on the Yamaha original - and especially not at the price.

For a mass-production one-liter, four-cylinder four-stroke, the R1 is tiny - not cramped or uncomfortable, though, even for a 6-footer like myself; just snug. This is a bike you instantly feel a part of - and one that immediately feels as if it was designed as a single entity by a team that understands real-world riding like, well, like a Tamburini Ducati. No compromises: Look at the way the front of the spars of the Deltabox frame have





(Far left) A cutaway view of the all-new 988cc, five-valve powerplant. The 20-degree slantblock engine is much more compact and almost five pounds lighter than the current YZF1000 engine.
(Left) The new Deltabox II chassis represents a radical departure from previous frames. it has been sculpted - at a considerably higher cost of manufacture - to allow the rider to tuck in tighter to the R1.

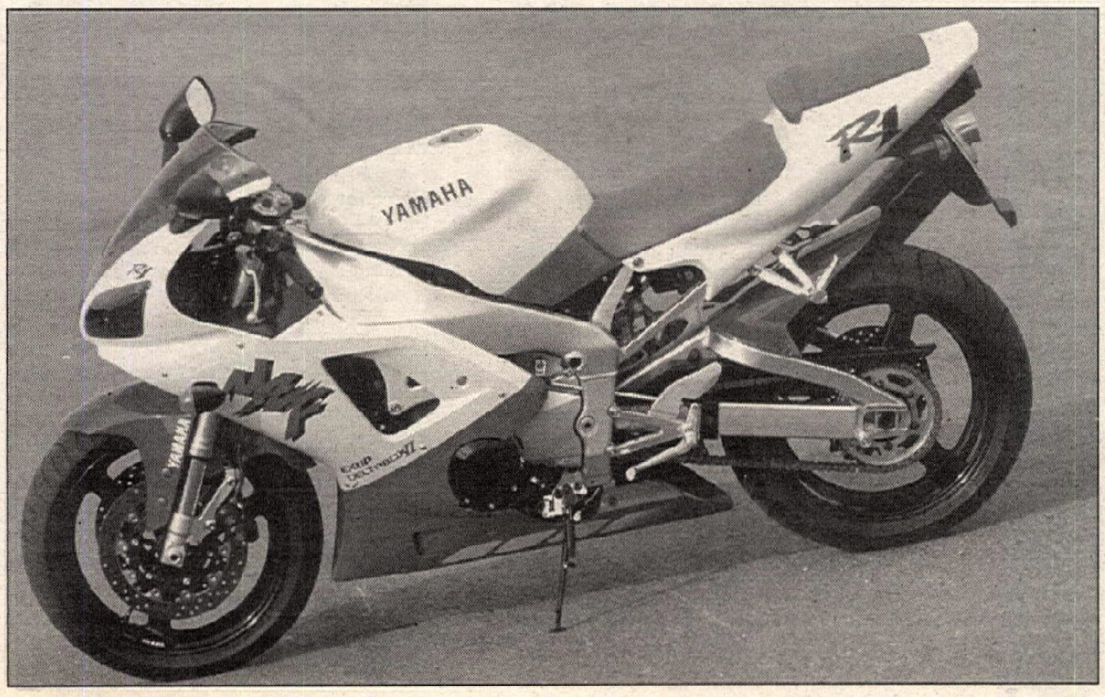
been shaped and curved (at considerably increased cost of manufacture, for sure) to allow the rider's arms to nestle more closely along them. Or look at how the engine configuration, with its unique three-axis format (that saves three inches in length compared to the YZF1000 via the placement of the gearbox mainshaft vertically above the layshaft rather than horizontally in line with it), delivers a wheelbase of just 54.9 inches. The R1 is the only bike in its class under 55 inches - twin, triple or four.

And what about the low center of gravity and forward riding position delivered by the semi-slantblock engine, which - at 144 pounds - weighs some 4 1/2 pounds less than the old YZF1000 motor? The cylinder block is cast integrally with the crankcase to reduce weight, and inclined forward 20 degrees from vertical (compared to 30 degrees on the YZF1000) - combining with the narrow rear section of the frame spars to create a bike that is almost as slim and at least as agile-feeling as a twin. That's in spite of the undersquare 74 x 58mm dimensions of the 998cc in-line motor, which is, however, more than one inch narrower at the cylinder head than the old FZR1000 or the current Thunderace engine. The R1 has its offset drive to the twin camshafts located on the right, rather than centrally as on the FZR/YZF1000, and valves that are actually 1mm smaller in diameter than on the old engine, but with a flatter included angle.

So when you thumb the starter and head off down the highway, because the R1 is so small, so smooth, so tractable and so easy to ride, you have a hard time persuading yourself that this is really a 150 bhp, one-liter sportbike with an awesome power-to-weight ratio - until the road opens up and you gas it hard for the first time. Then hold on tight. No bike with a license plate has ever delivered this kind of acceleration. Once the analog tach hits the 7000 rpm mark, the R1 lights up like a GP racer, and the engine gains revs very fast, building all the way to the 10-grand power peak, 11,800 rpm red-line and 12,500 rpm rev limiter.

That's not to say it's a two-wheeled firework waiting for you to light the fuse, though. In fact, it's a pussycat at low revs, pulling cleanly away from under 1500 rpm in traffic and, because it's so compact and light-steering, easy to trundle around town. The light clutch, responsive-but-not-snatchy throttle and that low build make easy work of city streets.

But hit the open highway, crack open the 40mm Mikuni semi-flatslide CV carbs, and get ready to boogie - because this motorcycle is a wheelie-hound par excellence, just by gassing it up hard in either of the bottom two gears and letting the rear Metzeler ME Z3 zero-degree radial bite into the tarmac.



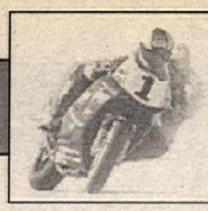
Yamaha has reworked its established EXUP exhaust valve system to help make the R1 so responsive. As well as monitoring the engine rpm and throttle position like before, the new 'intelligent' computer-controlled EXUP now varies also according to the ignition curve and the gear ratio selected, all to fatten midrange torque betwen 4000 and 8000 rpm. There are two power thresholds: the first at 4000 rpm, where it begins to pull more strongly, and then just over that seven-grand mark, where things start to happen very fast and, if you chance to be leaned over in a turn hard on the throttle, you must be prepared for the front wheel to start waving in the air if it hits a bump.

But the payoff is the way you rocket out of a turn, leaving it as just a memory in the rock-solid rearview mirrors: This is the closest thing to World Superbike performance we've yet been able to buy for the street. No compromises.

You can minimize the R1's appetite for reaching the front wheel to the sky by sitting far forward and relatively upright, as the distinctive riding position with the short fuel tank and quite steeply dropped handlebars will let you. Yamaha actually offers an optional seat pillion to wedge your body in place if you're not a hanger-offer, thus loading the front wheel up with your body weight. However, while this is the stance that comes naturally along winding mountain roads or city streets, not only does this prevent you from gaining much benefit from those "anatomically correct" frame spars, as well as from Yamaha's extensive aerodynamic work in designing the R1, it's also plain uncomfortable on a bike that will touch an indicated 178 mph (a true homologated top speed of 170 mph, says Yamaha) on the R1's large digital speedometer. You can't help but see how fast you're going!

Better to use the surprisingly spacious riding position at speed, to push your body back down the seat and against the rear pillion, tuck your knees alongside the back of the 4.7-gallon fuel tank (ridden hard, this delivers a 110-mile range before the small warning light comes on - there's no fuel gauge - or 136.5 miles in touring mode), rest your chest on the rear of the tank, and pretend you're Scott Russell winning the Daytona 200 on a works YZF750 superbike, which incidentally weighs just 33 pounds less and has only 12 bhp more than the R1. But no headlights. Or license plate.

When you do that, you'll find how surprisingly comfortable high-speed cruising can be with a fairing that has been properly thought out and a vestigial screen that is, however, shaped correctly, without any unsightly metalwork to keep it from waving about. It's a fact that was confirmed when we had to ride through a couple of rain showers, as the R1's fairing gave a surprising amount of protection - all to do with optimizing airflow and reducing turbulence, apparently - hence, for example, the little lip on the back of the screen which stops the raindrops from zapping your visor.



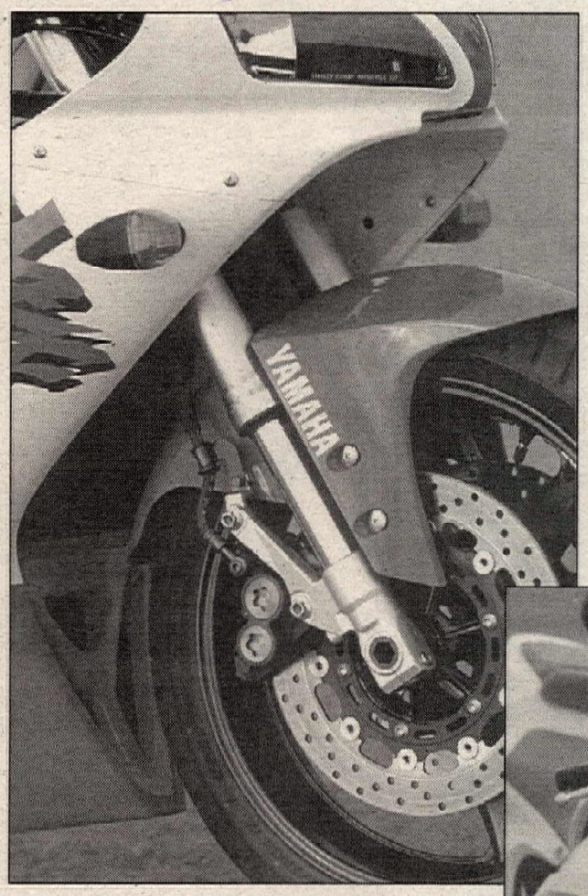
FIRST RIDE 1998 Yamaha YZF-R1

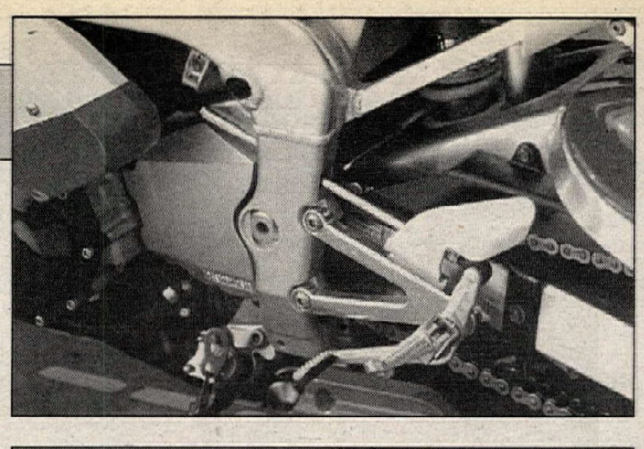
Cruising at 125 mph with the tach needle stuck on the 8000-rev mark is something the R1 will do all day, with power in hand if you need to quicken the pace to pass a car before it pulls out on you. You can work the gearbox to make things happen more quickly, and with just a 600-rpm difference between fifth and sixth gear, this is a worthwhile move - the top four ratios are quite close, with a bigger gap to the bottom two. The gearshift is clean and precise at speed - the direct linkage obtained by having it pass straight through the lower frame spar is typical of the attention to detail on this bike - with clutchless upward shifts a matter of course. But at slower speeds, the gearbox is really clunky, and the bottom three gears always feel notchy. Yamaha is aware of the problem and is trying to correct it, but it's not so bad that it seriously impinges on your riding pleasure. It just needs work.

Another thing that Yamaha needs to do is to fit a steering damper - but the R1 doesn't have one, says Miwa, because of U.S. product-liability concerns. If this sounds like a bit of corporate rationalization for the fact that Yamaha equates fitting a damper with an admission that they didn't get their chassis geometry right (when in doubt, blame American lawyers!), then Yamaha shouldn't be so nervous, because, the R1's handling is absolutely impeccable - this is a four-stroke megabike with 500cc chassis geometry (24-degree head angle, 92mm trail and 54.9-inch wheelbase reads like the spec sheet of Norick Abe's YZF500). This means that the R1 is very nimble - not twitchy, not nervous, but agile - with fast, light steering that is very precise. You can hit the same mark in a turn lap after lap, and it steers like a dream. Part of this is the geometry, part is the weight distribution. The low center of gravity makes the R1 very easy to change direction with from side to side, but it also makes it stable over fast, bumpy turns where other bikes would shake and shimmy.

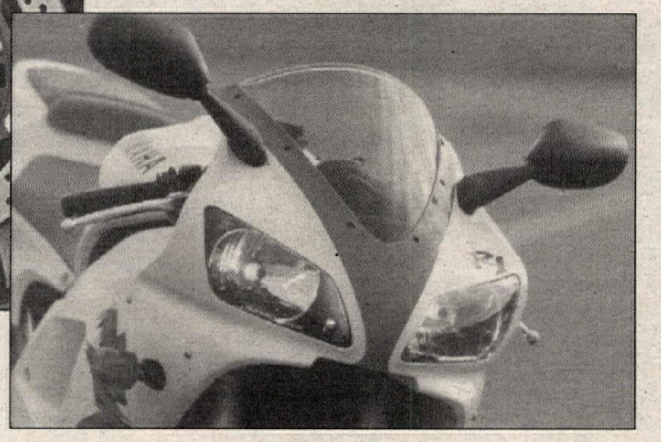
The Yamaha doesn't do this - but what it *does* do if you gas it up hard and get the front wheel off the ground while leaned over exiting a turn is to tank-slap the front end for a short but violent spasm when the wheel hits the deck crossed up. That's okay - for someone at home on the race track, this sort of behavior is a fact of road racing life, but I can imagine some street squirrels switching into panic mode when this happens to them. The reason race bikes have steering dampers as a matter of course is precisely to get over this problem, and the R1 Yamaha really should do it as well - because it has the awesome engine performance and short wheelbase of a factory road racer.

Most owners won't ever ride the bike this hard - not until they take the R1 to a track day, or hit their favorite piece of Racer Road on a Sunday-morning blitz. But isn't this the whole point of building such a purposeful package as the R1? If Bimota and Ducati fit steering dampers as a matter of course on their bikes, why can't Yamaha? Don't get me wrong: This is not to say that the R1 is anywhere near as twitchy as the first, flawed FireBlade, nor has it a perceived handling problem as does the TL1000 Suzuki. It's just so much bike, and needs to have a built-in fail-safe factor. Miwa implies that Yamaha recognizes this by stating that production bikes will come equipped with bosses on the left side for customers to mount an aftermarket steering damper. Any owner who doesn't do exactly that can't be intending to ride the R1 as seriously as Miwa's team developed it to be ridden - it's a must-fit item. And by all accounts, on tires other than the zero-bias Metzeler full radials fitted for the launch test, the shimmy-shimmy shake goes on a lot longer.





(Left) Front brakes feature 298mm rotors and one-piece Sumitomo calipers. Forks offer 5.3 inches of travel. (Below) Keeping up a Yamaha tradition, the fairing and windscreen are sleek yet extremely weatherproof.



(Top) More craftsmanship: Look closely and you will see that the gearshift linkage passes through the frame spar to obtain a direct connection from the shifter to the transmission. (Above) The cockpit layout is sporting, yet comfortable enough for 200-mile rides. The digital speedometer is easy to read - even at triple-digit speeds.

What's no problem at all is stopping the bike. Yamaha has resisted maxing out the diameter of the R1's twin front discs, fitting 298mm rotors like those on the YZF1000 rather than race-type 320mm rotors off its superbikes. This is surely a factor in the way the R1 steers so well, the 298s lessening the gyroscopic effect on the steering. However, thanks to the updated version of the one-piece Sumitomo calipers introduced on the Thunderbikes, which are lighter than before and therefore reduce unsprung weight still further, the R1 brakes very strongly, but progressively. There's feel without fierceness. You get good initial bite fed back through the adjustable brake lever, and repeated hard stops at Cartagena on the standard pads didn't make them fade. They're pretty constant and responsive. You can trail-brake into a turn with the kind of confidence you'd expect from a race bike, all without the front tucking in when you release the brakes once you hit your apex.

The chassis geometry is neutral and predictable, and it holds a line very well, without pushing the front end when you get back on the gas. Yet if you need to change direction once committed to a turn, the R1 will let you do this. It seems impossible to make this bike misbehave, because the chassis is so stiff and strong, thanks to the engine being utilized as a fully stressed component.

Though the suspension is compliant, with good ride quality on the street thanks to the extra-long 5.3-inch travel on the 41mm upside-down forks - which is aimed at stopping them from topping out under acceleration - the stock fork settings are a little too soft on compression for hard riding. You can just bottom them out under hard braking; ditto the rear, which can be stiffened up to extract better grip from the rear Metzeler.

Both ME-Z3 tires worked well - especially the front, which allows you to maintain an unlikely amount of corner speed for a four-cylinder ultrabike. However, the pressure on both can be usefully dropped for extra grip and feel in track use - though when the rear does slide under all that power, it does so very controllably and progressively. This is a credit to the ultra-long swingarm, derived from the YZR500 World Championship 500cc GP racers Miwa-san worked on for 10 years in the days of Lawson and Mamola, which works to tame any unruliness and deliver traction and stability. Also, the R1 package is multi-adjustable in every way, suspensionwise. Any customer should be able to dial in the bike to suit his tastes and riding style.

Try as I could, I couldn't uncover any real compromises in the most important new bike we'll see for the rest of this century. This is that rare thing, a near-perfect sportbike, with reserves of performance even a World Champion can appreciate. "Give me a 750 engine in this thing, and I know for sure I can win the World Superbike Championship," drawled Scott Russell after riding the R1 in finished form for the first time in Italy. He may get his wish, for the word is that this is just the first of a trio of all-new Yamaha sportbikes, with the fuel-injected 20-valve R2 being launched in 750cc form at the Munich Show next September, as Yamaha's new superbike contender for the 1999 season. And a little further down the road will come the R3 - also known within Yamaha as the R6, because it's the company's 600cc Supersport contender for the next century. Both of these are still secret new bikes, which Yamaha refuses to officially confirm that it is working on, and will use the same architecture as the R1, with ultracompact motors, rotated gearboxes (the R2 is understood to have an extractable gear cluster), long swingarms and fully stressed engine packages delivering a strong chassis layout.

So the R1 Yamaha doesn't just set new standards in sportbike science for the next millenium, it's also the first in a family of new Yamaha sportbikes that will set the design agenda for other manufacturers - a clean-sheet design that fulfills Yamaha's corporate aims as well as many bikers' dreams. Only this is no dreambike. It exists, and it's coming your way soon - if you're quick! Yamaha admits to being taken by surprise by the market's reaction, and it is desperately trying to find a way of increasing production to cope with the massive demand.

The face of sportbiking has just changed. The new look is red and white (or blue, if you insist), with snake-eye headlights and works superbike street performance. No compromises. Nothing but the best! CN

Yamaha YZF-R1

Specifications

Engine	Liquid-cooled DOHC in-line four with five valves per cylinder
Bore x stroke	74.0 x 58.0mm
Displacement	988cc
Output	150 hp
Compression ratio	11.8:1
Fuel system	4 x 40mm Mikuni CV carburetors
Ignition system	Digital
Transmission	Six-speed
Clutch	Wet, multiplate
Frame	Deltabox II aluminum
Suspension	
Front	41mm upside-down fork, fully adjustable, with 5.3 inches of travel
Rear	Bilstein piggyback, fully adjustable for preload, rebound and compression damping, with 5.1 inches of travel
Rake/trail	24°/93mm
Wheelbase	54.9 inches
Dry weight	390 pounds
Fuel capacity	4.7 gallons
Brakes	
Front	Dual 298mm disc with one-piece Sumitomo calipers
Rear	Single 245mm disc with single-piston caliper
Wheels/tires	
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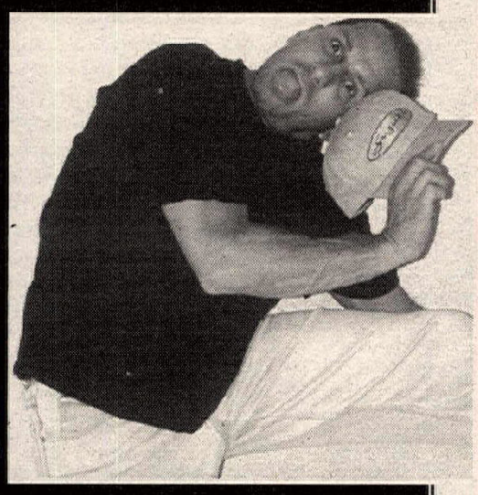

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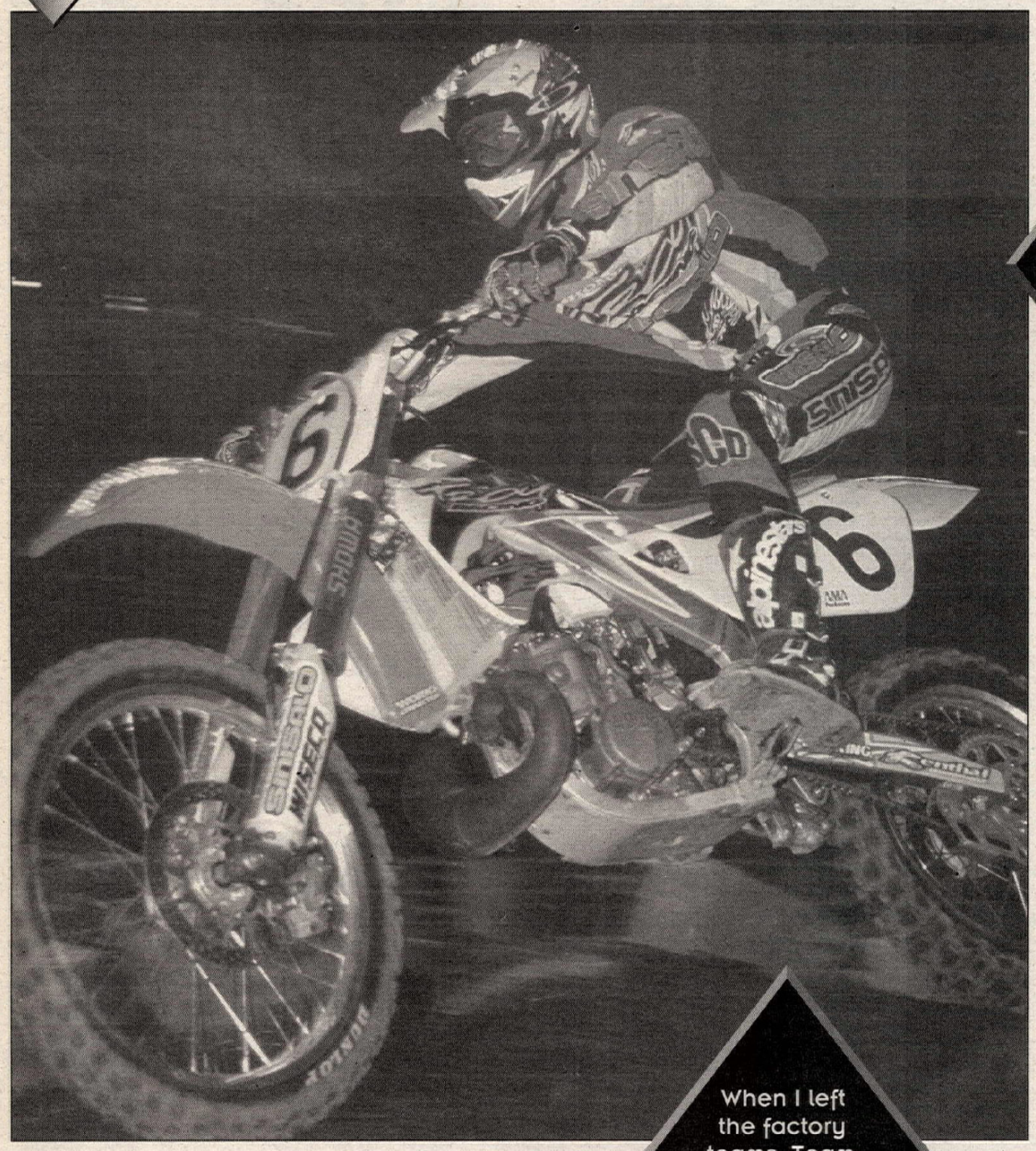

(Left) Larry Ward earned a factory ride from Suzuki for 1998 after finishing fourth in both the 1997 AMA 250cc Supercross and National Motocross series.

By Eric Johnson

Although it's not etched in marble, there is an unwritten law in modern American professional motocross that declares if a factory racer, through poor results or politics, exhausts all of his options with the "Big Four" works teams, they are forever written off. Think about it: Who was the last factory rider to be fired, or unable to find a place in one of the factory semis, only to return at a later date?

Enter Larry Ward. After being touted as one of the greatest young talents in America in the late 1980s, Ward found a place on Team Honda in 1989, where he won the 125cc Southwick National and placed third in the AMA 125cc Western Regional Supercross Series. The future looked very bright for Ward.

In 1990, Ward was hired by Suzuki to compete in the AMA 250cc Supercross Series and 125cc Nationals. Talented and fast, Ward won the Seattle Supercross and finished an impressive sixth in points. However, from there, despite 125cc wins at Washougal in 1991 and Southwick in 1992, he began a slow slide into mediocrity which led to his dismissal from Suzuki at the end of the 1993 campaign. Ward was now, for all intents and purposes, on the outside, looking in.

Admirably, he kept with it, and in 1994 he joined Team Noleen/Yamaha, where he carded some impressive results, ultimately stunning the industry in 1995 by placing an astounding second to Jeremy McGrath in the AMA Supercross Series. In 1996, Ward joined Team Honda of Troy, another determined factory support outfit, and continued to generate steady, consistent and impressive results, which climaxed with a fine fourth overall in both the 1997 Supercross and National series.

However, astonishingly, Ward could still not find a place among the factory elite. It appeared that the aforementioned unwritten law truly did hold water. Undaunted, Ward continued on and won a recent Fastcross, a massive Italian-based international race, where, for the second year in a row, he took the measure of the world's best riders. A few weeks later, Ward defeated new Yamaha recruit Jeremy McGrath at the Sheffield, England, Supercross. True to form, Ward was having another one of his dazzling European off-season tours, in which he has become notorious for recent years.

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Well, whether Ward realized it or not, someone did take notice of his hard work, determination, tenacity and speed - namely Roger DeCoster. A few weeks ago, DeCoster - left in no man's land by Jeremy McGrath's departure from the Suzuki fold - approached Ward about riding for Suzuki. The two camps came to terms and, on October 10, Ward signed on to ride for the yellow nameplate in 1998.

"After losing Jeremy McGrath, Larry Ward was the best guy in the supercross point standings who was not signed," said Roger DeCoster from his American Suzuki office in Brea, California. "My feeling is that he has a lot of talent, and it could be time for him to come through now. He is ready to bloom, and I hope that he will. He is very consistent and can definitely win races."

By signing his name on the dotted line, Ward has not only smashed a myth, but heads into the 1998 campaign armed to the teeth and in a position to make a serious run at the 1998 AMA 250cc Supercross and National Championship series titles. We caught up with Larry at his home in Florence, South Carolina, where he was getting in some white-tailed-deer hunting and making preparations for another trip back to Europe to compete in the opening round of the 1998 FIM World Supercross Championship opener in Barcelona, Spain (where he finished second to 1997 series champion Jeff Emig). As expected, he had a lot on his mind.

> I have always gotten along well with Roger (DeCoster). Even in 1989, when I was a Honda support rider, we got along extremely well.

Your annual European off-season supercross tour has started off extremely well. Are you excited about your chances in the approaching FIM World Supercross Championship?

Yeah. I've won two races, the Fastcross in Arsago, Italy, and the Sheffield, England, Supercross. Working with my mechanic, Marshal Plumb, we've won every race I've entered over there - heat races and everything. I had a lot of confidence going into the Fastcross race because I won there last year and Sheffield was a tight, technical track, and it took about half the race before I started to feel good enough to win. I'm going to the opening round of the World Supercross Championship in Barcelona, but not the Paris Bercy Supercross. However, that could change if they pay me to go. If they pay me start money, I'll go, but they seem to want to wait until the last moment and I don't think that's fair for me, or for the other promoters that have already had to pay me and the other Americans to race.

In recent years, you have managed to become One of the premier riders of the globe-trotting international supercross circuit. What do you attribute that to?

I don't really know. I go with an open mind and can ride the smaller tracks well. I don't try any harder than I do in America, but things just seem to go well for me over there.

When the international season rolls around, the American factory riders pack up their works-fabricated suspension components and engine parts, fly to Europe, and bolt the stuff onto the production bikes they are supplied with. On the other hand, you are essentially racing a production-oriented motorcycle that you are much more familiar with. Does this dynamic help you at all?

Yeah, a lot of the guys are now going over there with all of their factory stuff. But when I think about it, I rode very, very well in the last four or five AMA outdoor Nationals and was real close to the leaders at those races. When I went to the Fastcross in Italy, my production-based CR250 was running perfectly, and I felt that those guys didn't have much of an advantage over me.

Despite the fact that you have not been a factory rider since 1993, your enthusiasm and dedication to the sport have seemingly never wavered. And while a number of riders have fallen by the wayside in the past five years, you have managed to stick with it and continue to improve. Why?

I love it, but it's still a job and I have to earn money. When I left the factory teams, Team Noleen and Team Honda of Troy believed in me and supported me - they pushed me to be better. I also learned how to ride better, and it's easier for me now to ride faster and

smoother, and a lot of guys I have raced against have either quit or retired, while my results kept getting better and better.

In late November, you broke your ankle and many people assumed that you would miss the beginning of the 1997 AMA Supercross Series. However, at the very last moment, you showed up in Los Angeles ready to race. Explain that to us.

I was really pumped up last winter and was leading the World Supercross Series heading into Paris. I was also in the running for the King of Bercy title in Paris up to the last night, until I ran into some problems and ended up with a bent front disk and couldn't finish the race. From that, there was no King of Bercy title. I was really enthusiastic and wanted to win the next event in Tokyo, Japan, but the first night back after Paris, I goofed up while practicing and broke my ankle. I had to have a pin put in it immediately and, unfortunately, it was a non-weight-bearing injury and I couldn't ride, train or do anything on it. I could swim, but that was about it. The Monday before the season opener at the Coliseum, the doctor removed the pin and I walked out of the hospital. I actually talked him into taking the pin out two weeks early. The swelling had gone and the flexibility was all there, so he agreed. He told me that I could ride and train, and I immediately went home, where Honda of Troy had a practice bike waiting for me. I started riding immediately and felt very good. I'd get winded real easy, but my speed was all there and I still had great confidence from how well I had done in Europe. I finished third that night in Los Angeles, and my season kept getting better to where I finished fourth in the point standings. I was a little disappointed, however, because I wanted to beat Ezra Lusk for third.

When you were shown the door by Suzuki back in 1993, you didn't leave on the best of terms, did you?

It was a good move for me. They weren't happy with me then. I was a young guy that won a few races for them, and I think I won them a little bit too early, because I hadn't really matured yet. During that same time, I also had some bad races, and I think it was frustrating for Suzuki to see me back in fifth and all of that hurt our relationship.

Did Roger have to work some diplomatic magic in order to get you and Suzuki back together?

No, Suzuki is a lot different now. With Roger in the truck, they have a lot of new secrets and a great racing program that has been getting results. A lot has changed with them and with me. I was 19 then and now I'm 27, so I believe that I can do well for them.

Suzuki has come a long way in recent years, haven't they?

Yeah, they have. Roger is a huge benefit. Since he's been around, they've been doing a lot better with their results. It's great for me to be back together with them now, and I've tested with them for a few weeks now and I'm real comfortable on the new bikes - especially from what I remember about the older bikes I rode.

How do you and "The Man" get along?

I have always gotten along well with Roger. Even in 1989, when I was a Honda support rider, we got along extremely well.

Like John Dowd, I want to race as long as I can be good and competitive.

You are the first rider in the modern era to be cast off by the factory teams, and through hard work and tenacity, you have found your way back into the elite fraternity. You must really appreciate the second lease on life.

Yes, I plan on practicing and riding more than I ever have. I've come close to the championship before and I want to do whatever it takes to win. It will take a lot of hard work and luck, but I appreciate this chance more than anything and plan to take full advantage of it. I want to ride more than ever and practice all of the little things like starts that can make all of the difference.

After it all went wrong with Suzuki in 1993, did you feel like saying, 'To hell with it - I'm done'?

Honestly, no. I stayed close with my family and just keep moving forward. Maybe my first year after I left Suzuki, I was a little discouraged. I went out and bought my own box van and bikes and that was tough, but all of the other years, I've been real happy and I have no regrets about my career.

Compared to the glittery, flash-and-glam, California-based group of professional racers, you seem to be much more conservative and reserved. In fact, you were out deer hunting this morning. What does Larry Ward do for kicks?

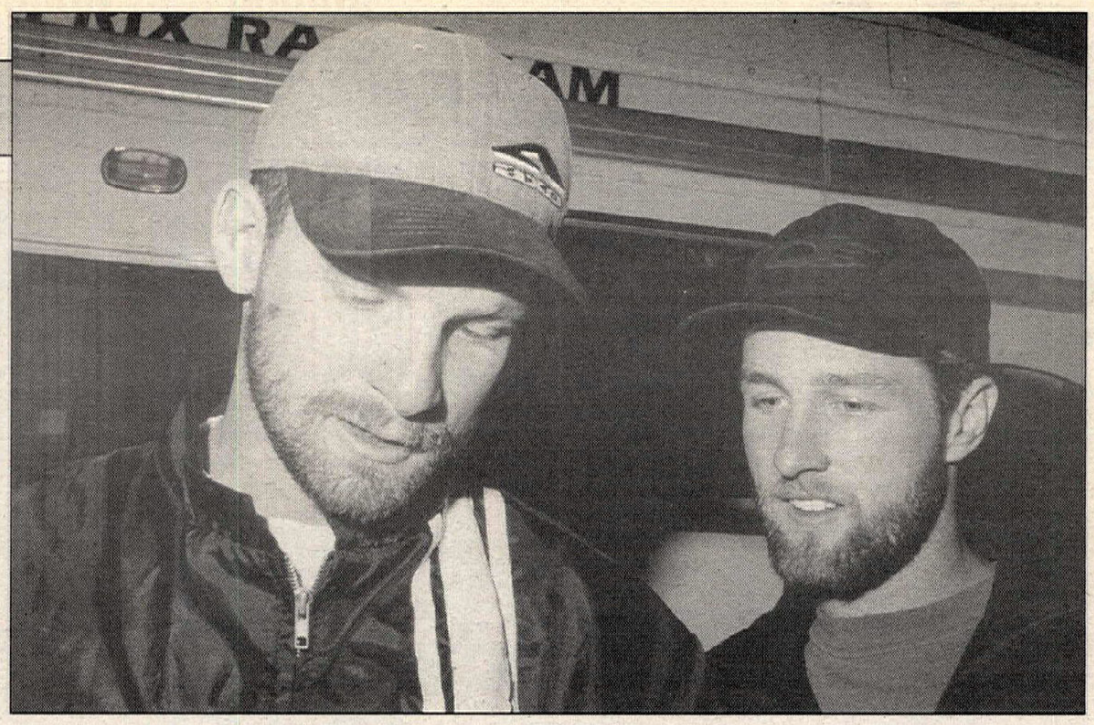
I go out with that so-called "group" once or twice a year. It's not that I don't like them, but I'd rather go to sleep early so I can wake up and go sit in a deer blind at 4 a.m. and hunt white-tailed deer. I really like to hunt. I like deer hunting and big-game hunting, like for elk. I've never harvested an elk. I also like quail hunting, but I'm more interested in bigger game. I have a Jet Ski and go out in the ocean and ride the waves. They're not as big as the ones you guys have out west, but we have a lot of fun with it. I also have a ski boat and go out in that. I live in Florence, South Carolina, which is about an hour from Myrtle Beach, so we're pretty close to the ocean. But with our U.S. schedule and all of the European races that we do, we race almost all year and there isn't a lot of time for other interests.

You've been doing this for a long time. Now that you're a factory rider again, what do you see in your future?

It's too soon to tell. Honestly, I want to see where I'm at financially. Right now, I'd like to race at least another three or four years. Like John Dowd, I want to race as long as I can be good and competitive. It's nice to be good at something and work at it every day, see it pay off and go somewhere with it. I see my friends that get up and go to work and not really go anywhere in their careers, and it makes me real happy to be doing what I'm doing. Sure, it's a job at our level, but I want to keep moving forward with it. As long as I can work hard and make money, I'll keep racing. I realize how lucky I am to be racing and I know I have it a lot easier than most people.

What are your goals heading into Los Angeles this January?

I don't want to set them too high. I'd love to win the Supercross Championship, but I'm first looking at the top three and that will mean being in the top five at every race. There's going to be a lot of good competition this year.



(Above) Ward (right) and Damon Bradshaw clown around at the recent Sheffield Supercross in England.
(Below) Ward, who has always done well racing in Europe in the off-season, passed Jeremy McGrath on the last lap of the Sheffield Supercross to take the win.

I've come close to the championship before and I want to do whatever it takes to win.

With Windham entering the class full time, Emig now a champion, Albertyn a proven winner, Lusk with Honda and McGrath coming back with a vengeance, who do you see as your toughest adversaries in 1998?

Well, you can't count out Emig. Nothing has changed with his program; he'll be back on the same bike, with the same team and with the same mechanic. McGrath will be very motivated to win. If he comes out and does well in the first four or five races, he will be hard to stop. Also Lusk - if he gets his confidence, he'll do very well. I also like to think myself, because I'm real consistent.

Year after year, you have done extremely well in Europe. In fact, through your results and the publicity you have received, the off-season seems to have kept you on the factory-management radar screens. Do you enjoy it over there?

Oh yeah, it's a lot of fun. I like the European races and I have done real well over there. The crowds we race in front of are smaller, but appreciative of what we do. Like at Sheffield, when I was behind Bradshaw and McGrath, all I could think about was passing those two guys. There was no one behind me going as fast as we were, so all I had to do was concentrate on them. We went back and forth, and Dave Stevenson and all the mechanics that were there said it was a real exciting 25 laps. The crowds and the stadiums are smaller in Europe, but the crowds are closer to the action and very enthusiastic. Don't get me wrong, though. Sometimes it's a little bit of a pain to race over there, but it's all worth it. You know, people think we get all of this start money to race over there, but sometimes it's a real hassle to get on a plane, fly to Atlanta, then fly to Europe to compete. I see the start money as compensation for all of the travel and being away from home. We also have to pack up forks, handlebars, pipes and all of that stuff, but I usually make my mechanic deal with all that. (He laughs.)

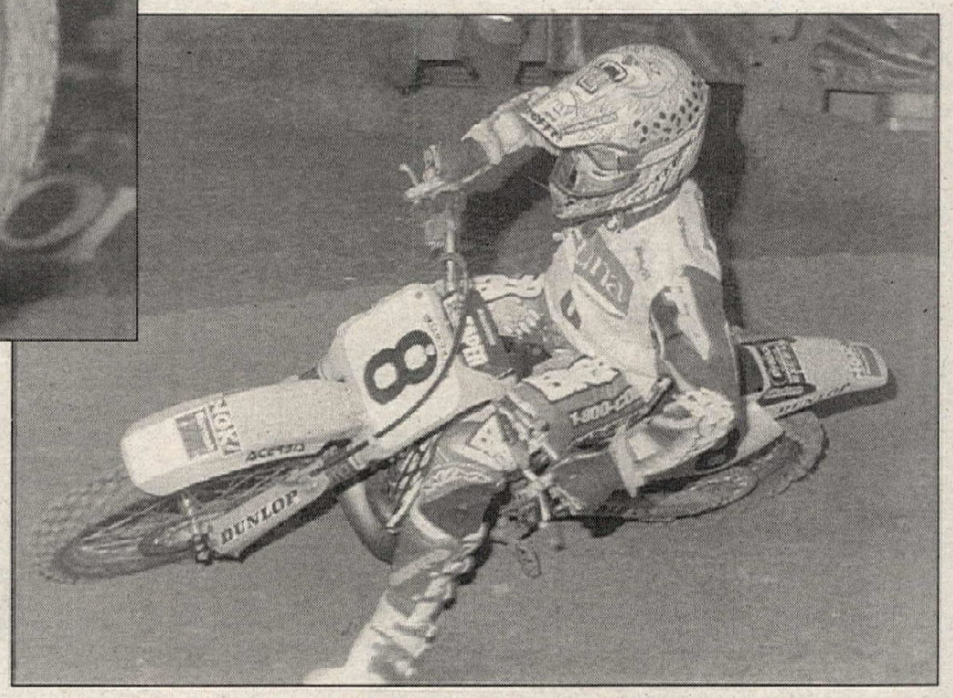
Larry, you made it all the way back. You have to feel good about the approaching race season.

I'm really excited about it. I'll be teamed with Mickael Pichon and Greg Albertyn, and Roger DeCoster will be our team manager. I've been riding the bikes for a few weeks now and feel that I have a great chance to win. I would also like everyone to know that without the help and support of Noleen Racing and Clark Jones, and Honda of Troy, and all their sponsors, and Phil Alderton and Erik Kehoe, I would never have made it back as a factory rider. Those guys, along with my friends and family, never stopped believing in me and I really appreciate it. CN

Round 1: Barcelona, Spain

Emig gets the jump

(Left) Jeff Emig opened the World Supercross Series with the overall win in Spain. Emig went 1-3. (Below) Greg Albertyn passed Emig to win the second final. Albertyn finished third behind Emig and Larry Ward.



By Geoff Meyer

BARCELONA, SPAIN, NOV. 1

Kawasaki is taking the World Supercross Championships very seriously, and the win by Jeff Emig in the first round at Barcelona proved the green machines will be hard to beat in this year's series.

Emig, the 1996 World Supercross Champion, entered the opening round of the WSX Series with little to worry about. No Jeremy McGrath, no John Dowd, no Ezra Lusk, no Kevin Windham - no worries.

"It's only the start of the European season, and I'm lucky Kawasaki is looking seriously at winning this championship to go with the American Supercross Championship," Emig said. "They are behind me 100 percent, so being motivated for that alone is enough."

Backing Emig up was a host of Kawasaki-mounted riders: American team rider Damon Huffman, French Grand Prix riders Frederic Bolley and Yves Demaria, and Mexican Pedro Gonzalez, while looking to stop what seemed likely to be a Kawasaki monopoly were Larry Ward (who just signed with Suzuki and who rode his Honda of Troy machine) and the two American Suzuki riders, Greg Albertyn and Mickael Pichon. Tallon Vohland also lined up on his Rinaldi Yamaha.

Qualification was dominated by Bolley. The 1995 Barcelona winner blitzed to the quickest time, ahead of fellow Frenchman Pichon and followed by Huffman, Frederic Vialle, Albertyn, Javier Garcia, Mickael Maschio and Ward back in eighth place. Emig was 11th and it looked likely that, as was the case in the Motocross des Nations, qualification times didn't bother the Americans.

"It's only important to get the bike set up; getting quickest time does not matter," Emig said. "If you gate well here, then that's most of the job done."

Bolley was also being realistic. "The Americans will be difficult to beat," he said, "but I won here before, so why not again?"

Bolley proved his past glory in Spain was no fluke as he won the opening qualification heat from Gonzalez, Huffman and Emig. Already, the Kawasaki riders looked awesome, with Demaria finishing in fifth place to give a clean sweep to the Kawasakis. Vohland finished sixth, with Albertyn crashing out and DNFing after a great start.

The second qualification heat was Ward's turn to win. He finished ahead of Pichon, Vialle, Thierry Bethys and Bruno Guyard.

Albertyn's crash in race one put him in the position of qualifying through the LCQ, and he nearly didn't make it. France's Mickael Maschio won the race; Albertyn took second.

With two finals to decide the evening's overall winner, the start was again the major topic of conversation. "I'll just go for consistent results," Emig said. "If I can get a fast start, I can win for sure."

When the riders did leave the start blocks, it was in fact Emig who led, and the bright green machine proved anything but easy to pass, with Emig winning rather easily from Ward and Demaria.

"He (Emig) is a severe roadblock," said Albertyn regarding Emig's sometimes "wide bike."

Ward, who had followed Emig for most of the race, was also not impressed with Emig's style.

"I really thought about making the pass on the last lap, but it would have been a close call; he's hard to get by otherwise," Ward said.

Third-placed Demaria proved his supercross speed was good, and finishing fourth was Bolley, ahead of Vialle, Huffman and Albertyn.

"I got a bad start," said Albertyn. "I had a poor starting position, which makes it nearly impossible to race up front if you come out of the first turn midfield."

Pichon took eighth, complaining of a sore shoulder.

"I crashed in a fastcross in Italy in September; since then, when I land over a jump, the shoulder hurts," said Pichon, who finished just ahead of Vohland.

The second final was filled with special moments. First Emig blasted out of the start ahead of Bolley and Demaria. Albertyn, who had picked a starting position behind Emig on the grid, was midfield, with Ward around fifth place.

By the end of lap one, Emig had made a little gap between himself and the others, with Demaria crashing out over the bridge.

Albertyn had moved up to fourth place behind Ward, with Bolley chasing Emig, but it was Ably who was really showing the extra speed. Emig seemed to be slowing, giving Bolley, Ward and Albertyn the chance to catch the lead rider.

"I really wanted to pace myself; this is very tiring on these small tracks, but those others were riding hard," Emig said.

Albertyn passed Bolley on lap six. This is when the race really heated up - Albertyn moved up on Emig with the leader looking nervously over his shoulder. Albertyn tried to make a pass.

"Under the bridge, I tried (to pass Emig) and he changed lines in a real hurry," Albertyn said.

Albertyn tried to pass again, but was again cut off by Emig, this time losing momentum and nearly losing second place to Bolley. Still, Albertyn wasn't finished yet, as he made another attempt to pass Emig - and this time he succeeded. "I knew I would get him eventually," Albertyn said. "He (Emig) was really slowing me up."

Soon after, Ward also passed Emig for second. "Once I got past Jeff, I thought I was the winner," Ward said. "I really didn't try to get Albertyn - he was really riding well."

Albertyn went on to win the race, followed by Ward and then Emig, whose 1-3 finishes was good enough to take the overall win. CN

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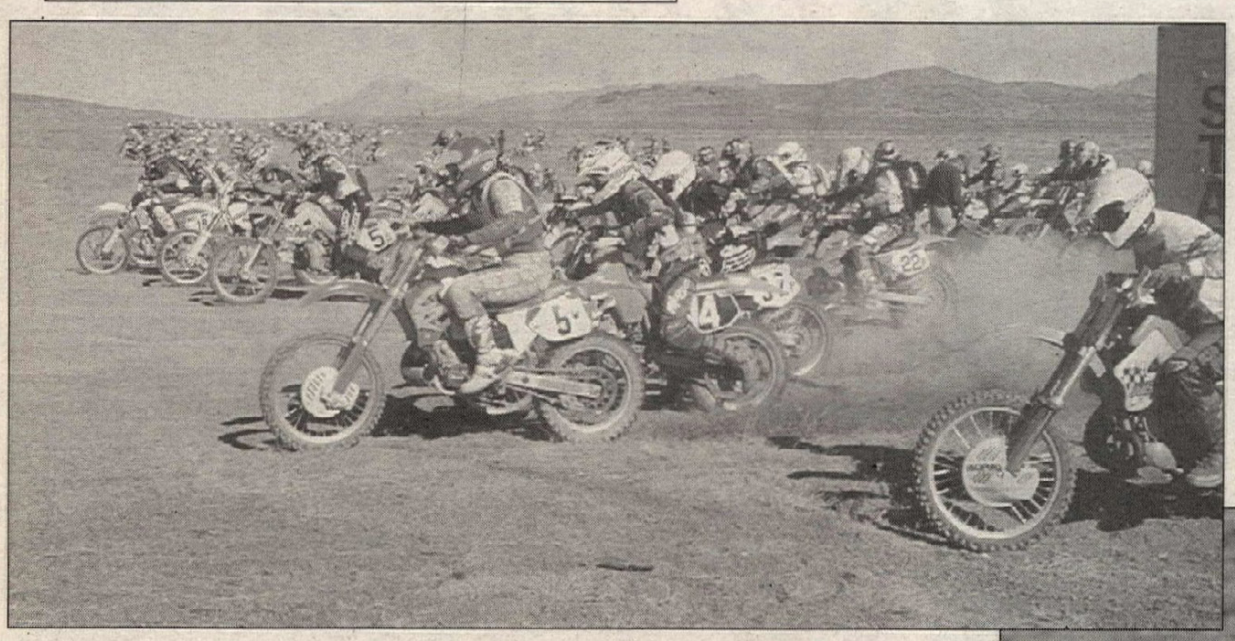


(Left) A large turnout of riders showed up for the series finale in Nevada. (Below) Dave Hamel jumped out to an early lead and raced to victory - the first National overall win of his career.

Hamel's dream

By Anne Van Beveren
Photos by Tom Van Beveren

WENDOVER, NV, NOV. 1

The last round of the National Hare and Hound Championship series saw a dream come true, but it wasn't a dream that anybody was expecting.

With the overall victory wrapped up and an impressive six-for-six overall wins to his credit, Kawasaki's Ty Davis went into round seven of the competition in northern Nevada dreaming of a clean sweep, and there wasn't a rider in the pack who didn't expect that dream to become a reality.

But when the dust settled at the end of the 85-mile course, Davis had been sidelined by mechanical problems and the win belonged to Dave Hamel - a 28-year-old Kawasaki racer from Sparks, Nevada, who had never overalled a race in his life and was riding the Hare & Hound series for the very first time, and a racer who just happens to be the older brother of five-time National Hare & Hound champion Danny Hamel.

"I'm so happy, I'm on cloud nine. To tell you the truth, the whole thing is a bit of a blur," said Hamel. "This is beyond my greatest hopes - above my wildest dreams. It's unbelievable, and it's really special because the last time this promoter put on this race, my brother won it. That was back in '94."

The final round of this year's championship series was hosted by Ron Dillon's USA Promotions. It was originally planned as a point-to-point race from Wells, Nevada, to Oasis, Nevada, but turned into a three-loop dash through the rocky terrain just south of Wendover, a town on the Nevada/Utah border, 120 miles due west of Salt Lake City.

"We had to move the race because of hunting season," said Dillon, who is well-known for developing one of the biggest mountain-bike race series in the United States. "This area has a real nice trail system developed by the Dezert Foxes, and probably the biggest plus is that it is administered through the Elko BLM, which is probably the nicest, most pleasant-to-work-with BLM in the entire country."

The race drew about 250 riders. Some were prepared to do battle for crucial last-minute points while others, whose classes had already been sewn up, were looking forward to a fun ride through some unfamiliar terrain.

Davis got his usual jump on the field when the banner dropped and had his Kawasaki KX500 out in front at the bomb, but his bid to turn his first Championship Hare & and Hound title into a series clean sweep fizzled shortly after he picked up the ribboned trail.

"As soon as I passed the bomb, I shifted up, came to a rise and went to downshift, and it kept staying in gear," Davis said. "I kept hitting it and hitting it. I was thinking, 'Hey, something's not right here.'"

The Kawasaki racer made short work of a 3-mile opening section that doubled back past the pits to make things a little more fun for the spectators, but his ride was already all but over.

"At first I thought it was a bolt that had come out, and I went into the pit to fix it, but it was internal," Davis said. "The shifter spring broke and I knew it would take me 40 minutes to pull all the stuff to fix it, and that's if I had a spring in the box van. There was no way I could ride it like that. Even in that first section, there were some tight sections where it was bogging down. It's a drag, but it gave somebody else a chance to win."

While Davis settled into the unusual role of pouring gas and helping other Kawasaki racers pit, Hamel took over the lead and set a fast pace as he headed out into the 32-mile first loop.

"Davis disappeared about four miles into it, and all of a sudden I was in front," said Hamel. "It was clean air and I said to myself, 'Oh, my God.' I just tried to ride smooth and steady."

Destry Abbott settled his Open-class KTM into second, right on Hamel's tail, and KTM 250 racer Russell Pearson swooped in to claim third.

"I got a good start. I started off to the left so I didn't have to get in anybody's dust," said Pearson. "We'd walked the first couple of miles and I knew there were no rocks right off the start, so I kind of pulled off to the side and everyone else was in the dust backing off."

The thick dust, coupled with rocky terrain, made backing off the only sensible option for most of the racers.

"The start was terrible. There was so much dust, I might as well have pulled off and waited for five minutes," said Spokane, Washington's Pete Russell. "It was so dusty you couldn't see a stinking thing."

Donnie Book was one of the few contenders who managed to recover from a less-than-perfect start.

"My start was horrible," said the KX250 racer, who had sewn up the 250cc division championship before the final round of the series began. "It took two kicks, and I don't even know where I was at the bomb. I just went berserk and by the time we went by the pits, I think I was fifth or sixth."

Thick dust plagued the racers all the way around the first loop, and northern Nevada's tricky terrain, with its thick brush and hidden rocks, did the rest. Before long, there was a steady stream of racers limping back to the pits and the start/finish was DNF City by the end of the first hour.

Idaho's Chris Brown was being treated for a possible neck injury when his brother Brian Brown crept into pit row.

"As far as I'm concerned, this race is a joke," said Brian Brown. "You can't mark with one arrow in front of a danger because you can't see it. I was going down a road and hit a rock and went over the bars. I wrecked right past the first check."

Paul Pitts ran headlong into a pile of rocks when he was in fifth overall just past the bomb, and Dan Richardson and Todd Hoy were next on the DNF list.

"I was going around a second- or third-gear corner and hit a rock with the front wheel and the front end kicked out," said Richardson. "I put my foot out to save it and just twisted my knee really bad, and that was it."

"The course was marked well and it would've been fun, but you just couldn't see a thing. There were some sections where you had to ride literally 2 miles an hour," said Hoy, who was running right behind Richardson in 10th overall when he decided to pull over. "My throttle was sticking and I had brake fade. I'm just here because I want to be, so I stopped. It's no different from Lucerne (Valley), so it wasn't that much fun."

Out in front, Hamel was turning a dust-free ride and super-fast terrain into a winning combination.

"I don't want people to think I was riding over my head. I'm a pretty cautious rider, but I had no dust and the first loop was a real 500 course. It was roads and sand washes and more roads - just fast, fast stuff," said Hamel, who had a comfortable lead all the way around the 32-mile loop.

Back in second, Abbott wasn't as lucky. Pearson was dogging him all the way and finally slipped around him to snatch second.

Hamel completed the first loop in 43 minutes. Pearson was a minute and a half behind him in second as the front-runners dashed into the pits; Abbott was running third and Book was just a few bike lengths back in fourth. Ed McCoy, Jim Gray and Nick Pearson rounded out the top seven, but for McCoy, the race was almost over.

"The rod went out about a mile after the first pit and that was the end of my story," said McCoy, who had wrapped up the Vet-class win in round six of the series at California's Lucerne Valley the previous weekend. "It was a good race from what I saw of it."

The fast pace continued for the first 15 miles of loop two, which helped Over 40 series leader Steve Pitts in his bid to recover from a slow start.

"I had a fairly bad start, but I am real familiar with the area so I knew where I could push it," said the Utah rider. "When the Dezert Foxes put their race on out here, I laid out all these trails. I never had a chance to race here before, but I knew what was coming up and I was chuckling to myself because I could see where the guys in front of me were blowing corners left and right on the ball-bearing roads they have out here."

Hamel was also putting his local know-how to good use.

"This is on the opposite side of the state from where I live, but the terrain is fairly similar," said Hamel. "It's sagebrush country, and you have to stick to the trail because of the rocks and because the brush is so ornery. If you get off the trail in this stuff, you're taking some big chances. You can't get off to the side and go for it like you can in California."

The pace started to slow as the racers neared the halfway point of the 27-mile second loop. Wide-open two-track gave way to tight trails that dodged back and forth through the trees, and Hamel started to glance back over his shoulder.

"In the tight stuff, you have to work really hard on a 500, and I knew those guys on the 250s were going to be hounding me," said Hamel. "I was just waiting for them to catch me, but somehow I stayed ahead of them."

At the end of the second loop, Hamel's minute-and-a-half lead was still intact. Abbott was in second by a few seconds, having gained a temporary advantage in his loop-long battle with Russell Pearson, and Book was hard on Pearson's tail in fourth.

"Russell and I went back and forth a few times and Book was right behind us, so it was like a three-way battle the whole way," said Abbott. "I thought it was a really good course. It was nice and demanding, not that fast where whoever holds on the longest is going to win. It was more of a rider's course, which I like."

Jim Gray raced his Open-class KTM through in fifth, which was a pleasant surprise after struggling in the dust for most of loop one.

"Nick (Pearson) and I got stuck behind this guy on a four-stroke and followed him the whole first loop. We both got by him in the first gas stop, but after that it was almost too late to catch up with the leaders," said Gray. "I ended up back there because I kind of took it easy off the start. A lot of guys were taking chances and were getting hurt."

Loop three was 23 miles of the tightest terrain most desert racers will ever see.

"It was tight - really tight," said Hamel. "There were no berms and the trees were so thick and overgrown. It was like sticking your face in the middle of a bush."

Hamel nearly got knocked out of the race when he tried to dodge through a tree rather than around it.

"About five miles into the third loop, I came out of the shade and the sun hit me right in the eye and I hit a tree limb I didn't even see," said Hamel. "It was like somebody punched me in the face. It tried to knock me off the bike, but I was in first gear, going real slow, so I didn't crash - but it gave me a bloody nose and boy, did it awaken me! Now I find it wiped my visor off—I didn't even know. I'm totally embarrassed knowing I looked like this."

The Abbott/Pearson battle continued to rage in second overall. Book held his own in fourth all the way around the loop and Gray held off Nick Pearson for the number-five spot. Jeff Lundgreen was finally making his presence felt in sixth.

"I got a two-kick start and when I got into the dust I had to slow down, but I caught a bunch of people," said Lundgreen, who battled with Four-Stroke series champion Jeff Capt for the entire second half of the race. "It was a real fun course - just a few too many roads for my taste. It was hard to go fast in the dust on those roads."

Further back in the pack, Jeff's brother Mark Lundgreen was charging hard on his KX500 after suffering a slow start of his own.

"I was probably 40th at the start, but I worked my way up into what I think was the top 15, and that was great," said Mark Lundgreen. "I thought the course was marked really well except for the color of the arrows. A light green arrow blends in too much with the terrain. It's kind of hard to pick out."

In an unusual move, the BLM had allowed the race organizer to supplement the usual removable course markers with orange spray paint that was used to mark tricky rocks.

"There were definitely a lot of orange rocks. It was one hairy deal as far as that went—a lot of rocks everywhere," said Pete Russell.

As the race drew to a close, tired riders started to make mistakes, and there was the usual rash of last-minute panics.

A number of riders slipped and fell on a dry waterfall. Rob Phillips rammed his KTM620 into a tree, and Steve Pitts rammed his ATK into a rock.

"I hit a rock and tumbled end over end right at the end," said Pitts. "I nearly blew it."

But Hamel wasn't blowing anything - except, perhaps, the minds of his fellow racers. He stayed on the gas all the way and dashed across the finish line with a comfortable two-minutes-plus to spare.

"Everybody's shocked and excited - me, too," he said, with a smile that reached from one ear to the other. "I couldn't ask for a better race. I had no dust, never fell down, the bike ran perfect - everything worked out great, and the course had a lot of fast stuff, which helped me out on a 500."

"Way beyond my goals," Hamel said, describing his win. "I'm a rookie. This is my first year racing the Nationals and I was hoping to maybe break into the top 10 at the end of the season. Since I started riding the KX500 at Yerington (Hamel rode the first three events of the series on a KX250), things have been going my way. It's helping me get better starts. I'm pretty cautious in the dust, so I have to get a good start to get a good finish, and it's working well for me. I've come up toward the end and now I'm hoping for like five or six in the overall results."

Hamel's reason for racing this year's Hare and Hound series was simply to see how he stacked up against the competition.

"I just came out to see if I could do it," the 28-year-old racer explained. "I quit racing 10 years ago when I was starting to get fast, and I always wondered how things would've turned out."

Second overall went to Russell Pearson, who dodged around race-long rival Destry Abbott with just 10 miles to go and was still ahead when it really counted.

"I had a good race," said the KTM-backed 250cc rider. "The course was fun. It was a little dangerous in the dust - you just had to get out of the dust, and there were lots of hidden rocks that you couldn't see, but things went well for me."

Russell Pearson stops for gas en route to a second overall finish and first place in the 250cc class.

Abbott, who piloted his KTM to third overall and second Open Expert, reported that Pearson got him in the tight stuff.

"He was riding well and he just went by me," said Abbott, who will be trading this year's Vosburg Racing KTM for a Team Green Kawasaki in next year's series. "I just wasn't riding real well in the tight stuff today and the bike wasn't set up the way I would've liked, but I'm happy with third overall. This hasn't been the best series for me.

"I'd like to congratulate Hamel," Abbott continued. "He rode a great race and I'm glad to see him win."

Fourth overall and second in the 250cc Expert division went to KX250 racer Donnie Book, whose consistent performance earned him the 250cc National Championship.

"I got a bad start, worked my way up to fourth, and just hung there all day. I couldn't do anything because it was so dusty, but there's nothing the club can do about that," said Book. "I thought it was marked kind of questionable and the danger markings were just terrible, but we did what we had to do and that's about it. I think I ended up second overall for the series."

Open Expert KTM racers Jim Gray and Nick Pearson continued to play follow-the-leader all the way to fifth and sixth overall.

"We just kind of cruised all day long," said Gray. "The course was good. It was just a bit scary because it had a lot of rocks that would sneak up on you. You had to be real smooth, but I had no problems and didn't fall all day - just kind of rode my own race."

"I didn't have that good of a day. I got a bad start and I just struggled getting by guys in the dust," said KTM300-mounted Pearson. "I wasn't prepared to take a chance in the dust, so I just backed off and finished."

Jeff Lundgreen turned a two-kick start into seventh overall, narrowly edging out race-long rival Jeff Capt.

"I barely squeaked him out at the end by about half a wheel length," said Jeff Lundgreen, who was all smiles. "No problems. The Kawasaki ran great and got me here in one piece. No crashes... my only problem was keeping up with this guy."

For Capt, an eighth-place finish was enough to earn him the Four-Stroke win for the race and make the factory-backed Honda XR628 racer back-to-back Four-Stroke champion in the Hare & Hound series.

"I just had to finish to get another championship, so that was my main concern. Winning the class makes seven National number-one plates for me in seven years," said Capt. "Overall, I thought this race was a little bit too fast."

Pete Russell battled thick dust all the way to ninth overall, just ahead of Brad Christensen, who was the first Vet-class rider to cross the finish line.

"I thought the course was fun, but it was pretty dangerous from the way he had it marked," said Christensen. "I was probably eighth or something to the bomb, but I started losing a lot of positions in the dust. I couldn't see the trail, couldn't see the markings that well, but I didn't have any problems and didn't wreck."

Christensen was followed home by Robert Phillips, Russ Webster and Darrol Brown, who took second in the Vet division, and Steve Pitts crossed the line in 14th at the head of the Senior pack.

"The start is critical here, because you can't go off the trail at all in this area because the rocks will get you, and the trails are starting to get pretty chewed up out here because they've been running them over year after year. It works you pretty good, with the whoops and everything, but I still enjoyed it," said Pitts. "I've sewed up the championship in my class, and yes, I'll be back next year to try to do it again."

The 32-mile minibike race was overalled by 15-year-old local racer Levi Allen, who grabbed the lead from fellow Yamaha YZ80 racer Tristin Cherwood near the halfway mark.

"I had a great time but I crashed about six times," Allen reported. CN

Nevada Hare & Hound
Wendover, Nevada
Results: November 1, 1997 (Round 7 of 7)

O/A: 1. Dave Hamel (Kaw); 2. Russell Pearson (KTM); 3. Destry Abbott (KTM); 4. Donnie Book (Kaw); 5. Jim Gray (KTM); 6. Nick Pearson (KTM); 7. Jeff Lundgreen (Kaw); 8. Jeff Capt (Hon); 9. Pete Russell; 10. Brad Christensen; 11. Robert Phillips; 12. Russ Webster; 13. Darrol Brown; 14. Steve Pitts (ATK); 15. Mark Lundgreen (Kaw); 16. Mark Weldy; 17. Christopher Mast; 18. Taber Murphy; 19. Jeff Bell; 20. Dennis Kelly.

OPEN EX: 1. Dave Hamel (Kaw); 2. Destry Abbott (KTM); 3. Jim Gray (KTM).

250 EX: 1. Russell Pearson (KTM); 2. Donnie Book (Kaw); 3. Pete Russell.

125 EX: 1. Scott Herweg.

30+ EX: 1. Brad Christensen; 2. Darrol Brown; 3. Mark Lundgreen.

35+ EX: 1. Steven Swatcheno; 2. Randy Thomas; 3. Steven Butt.

4-STRK EX: 1. Jeff Capt (Hon).

40+ EX: 1. Steve Pitts (ATK); 2. Randy Lindsey; 3. Richard Crosland.

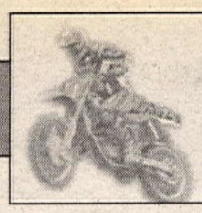
50+ EX: 1. Gary Vanderpool.

40+ AM: 1. Larry Hawkens.

OPEN AM: 1. Glen Babcock.

30+ AM: 1. Kevin Workman.

MINI: 1. Levi Allen (Yam); 2. Tristin Cherwood (Yam).



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WHITE BROTHERS VET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Glen Helen Raceway

Dubach da bomb

(Left) YZ400F-mounted Doug Dubach (39) leads the way at the start of the second moto. Ron Turner (7), Tom Carson (18), Brian Manley (51) and the rest give chase.
(Above) Yamaha's Dubach took the overall win in the racing debut for the preproduction four-stroke motocrosser.
(Below) Erik Kehoe (1) nabbed second overall in the Pro class, but had to work for it after getting off to slow starts in both motos. Here, Kehoe chases seventh-overall finisher Ron Gilbert.

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History shows that Doug Dubach has a habit of winning the White Brothers Vet Four-Stroke World Championship at Glen Helen Raceway. After all, since 1993, Dubach's been the man every year except '96, when he didn't participate because of an injury.

Well, Dubach did it again in '97, but history will show he did it differently. How? On a preproduction Yamaha YZ400F four-stroke, taking the all-new motocrosser to 1-1 moto scores in its official racing debut.

Erik Kehoe wasn't quite as fortunate, having to work up to the front in each moto to ultimately take second overall after finishing with a 3-2 tally. Sixteen-time South American Champion Adrian Robert from Costa Rica took third overall after holding back a hard-charging Kehoe to take second in the first moto and coming back from a fall in the second moto to finish fourth.

This year's race lived up to its reputation of being an international event, hosting riders from all over the country (including Alaska), a strong contingent from South America, former national champions from Japan, and some very fast riders from Canada.

Aside from Robert competing this weekend, Koji Masuda from Japan, who was a former national champion, competed in both the Over 40 Expert and the Vet Pro race, and Zoli Berenyi Sr. and Jr. of Canada were both competing. Speaking of the Over 40 Experts, Ron Turner took the measure of the highly competitive field to card his 771st win in his 20-plus years of racing. Tom Carson from Ohio, a former motocross regular who just won the title in the Vet A division at the AMA Grand National Cross Country Series, was signed up for the Pro event. Also, '97 California state champion Terry Fowler was hoping to add the World Vets to his list of accomplishments.

Saturday's Vet Pro winner, Willy Musgrave, pulled the holeshot over Robert, Turner, Fowler, Dubach, Ron Gilbert and Gordon Ward. Robert moved into the lead by going past Musgrave on the uphill, while Dubach worked around Fowler and Turner for third. Ward, riding a '98 TM 250, moved by both Turner and Gilbert coming out of "Bud's Creek" to take over fifth. Defending champion Kehoe was coming through the pack from a 12th-place start and got around Turner at the drop-off jump before the scoring section.

"I had a decent jump, I thought, off the gate, and then I kind of got pinched off going into the first turn and a bunch of guys piled up," Kehoe said. "After everything settled down, I was about 10th or 12th place."

Gilbert was Kehoe's next victim, but it took almost a third of a lap for the pass to happen, with Kehoe getting the inside position on Gilbert and going by on the uphill. Ahead, Dubach caught up with Musgrave and put the pressure on as they came down the hill. Musgrave, who would later admit to not having his Honda CR500 dialed in yet, went wide on the next turn, and Dubach was able to square off the turn underneath him to move into second.

Robert had an eight-second lead over Dubach, but when they came back into view from Bud's Creek, the gap had shrunk to three seconds.

"I was concerned and I slowed the pace, and that's when Dubach caught me," said Robert through an interpreter.

Kehoe used the outside of the wide right-hand turn before the big tree and passed Ward for fifth. Midway through the third lap, Dubach move right behind Robert and began applying pressure. The two went to the north section side by side and as they reappeared from the creek, Dubach was in the top position.

"He (Robert) went in there (Bud's Creek) and kind of drifted a little wide," Dubach said. "Well, with the four-stroke's power, I was able to square and come back and miss the bumps so that I had him set up. So as he cut across the track, I went back to the inside and just made a switch-out pass."

Kehoe moved by Fowler before the end of lap three, advancing to fourth, but was behind the leader, Dubach, by 12 seconds. Manley, after getting a fair start, was now up to seventh and catching Ward. The two got together at the top of the hill, with Ward going down and Manley taking over sixth. Ward remounted, but was a little sore from the fall and pulled off.

Kehoe, meanwhile, caught Musgrave and was trying to find a way around him. Kehoe tried the outside corner just past the big tree but didn't have enough room to get by Musgrave. Then Kehoe tried down the sand pit across from the bleachers, but Musgrave's 500 outpowered him. Finally, Kehoe was able to get a wheel underneath Musgrave as they went up "Animal Leap," and went by on the inside as they came back down.

Manley passed a tiring Fowler for fifth in the north section. Carson was the next rider to go around Fowler, taking sixth. Robert had an eight-second cushion over Kehoe as the halfway sign came out. Kehoe, one of many pro riders recovering from a cold, was slowly closing in on Robert.

"I just set a pace that I thought I was comfortable with," Kehoe said. "I was already a little tired at about the third lap."

Fowler, also coming off a cold, almost succumbed to Gilbert, but was given a reprieve when Gilbert cross-rutted. Fans all around the track were urging Kehoe to go after Robert on the last lap. After 20 minutes and two laps, Dubach received the checkered flag for the win.

Second belonged to Robert, just three bike lengths ahead of Kehoe. Musgrave held on for a lonely fourth, followed by Manley, Carson, Fowler and Gilbert, with a pair of magazine test riders - Pete Murray and Tim Telford - rounding out the top 10.

Carson got the early jump for the sec-

ond moto, but it was Dubach who took the lead after the second corner.

"I thought I was beside Kehoe and then I hit third gear and everybody disappeared," said Dubach.

Kehoe had another so-so start, and was running 10th as they came down Animal Leap. Musgrave's chances at a podium finish were dashed as he got turned around at the base of the hill.

"I got slowed by Carson, and then Manley, who had nowhere to go, hit me from behind," said Musgrave, who restarted in last.

Manley came down the hill in third, with Fowler in fourth. Carson, not yet comfortable with the pace and making mistakes, had pressure coming from Manley as they headed to the north section. When they appeared from Bud's Creek, a favorite passing spot, Manley was in second.

Dubach held the lead at the completion of lap one, followed by Manley, Carson, Fowler, Murray, Gilbert, Ward, Telford and Jonnie Deremo. At the scoring section, Jon Zahrt went down and sucked up Rick Dittus. At the same time, up ahead in front of the bleachers, Deremo washed out in the corner before the tabletop and Robert got tangled up with Deremo's fallen KTM.

"I spun the tire on the start," said Robert, "and then I crashed on the first lap, so I had to work through midpack."

This enabled Kehoe, Carl Hyde and John Merwin to get around ahead of Robert.

"Adrian and I had our own battle, and in two laps we passed each other three times," said Kehoe.

After getting a better drive off the bowl turn in the canyon, Fowler went by Carson for third. Kehoe worked around Ward on the downhill and then passed a slowing Murray two turns later.

Dubach, meanwhile, had already opened up a six-second lead on Manley by the end of the second lap, followed by Fowler, Carson, Gilbert, Kehoe, Ward and Telford. After his earlier mishap, Robert got by Merwin and Hyde to take over ninth. Gilbert once again let Kehoe get a wheel on the inside of the hard left-that leads to the uphill. Kehoe set up Carson by being on the outside of the left-hand U-turn after the scoring section. Then, as the two came toward the bleachers, Kehoe was on the right side of Carson and controlled the inside of the next corner and took over fourth.

Robert outjumped Ward going down the hill for seventh. On the next circuit, Kehoe caught up with Fowler and tried the same move he used on Carson. However, as they entered the U-turn, Fowler went from the inside to the outside to take Kehoe's line away. Kehoe found a smoother line through the sand pit and finally disposed of Fowler. Robert was still making progress and passed Gilbert for sixth.

During the next two laps, the leaders remained the same, but both Kehoe and Robert were still riding strong, while Dubach enjoyed a healthy lead. Carson settled into a good pace and began putting pressure on Fowler, while Kehoe caught up with Manley on the eighth lap. Kehoe made the move on Manley at the start straightaway and, by the time they came down Animal Leap, Kehoe had taken second, 15 seconds behind Dubach.

Robert also moved up the field, getting a better drive on the uphill to pass Carson for fifth. Luck would not be with Manley on the white-flag lap, as his Kawasaki died on the top of the hill, the result of an empty fuel tank.

Dubach rode to the second-moto win,

(Above) Costa Rica's Adrian Robert was third overall after holding off Kehoe in moto one and then recovering from a crash in the second moto to finish fourth.
(Right) Willy Musgrave (44) leads Kehoe (1) in the first moto. Kehoe made the pass to finish third, with Musgrave fourth.

with Kehoe runner-up and with Fowler just holding off Robert for third. Carson was able to hold on for fifth. Gilbert, Intermediate-class winner last year, finished sixth. Seventh belonged to the hard-charging Musgrave, who passed 22 riders to earn the spot. Mark Flesia, Ward and Greg Young rounded out the top 10.

Ron Turner, who in his youthful days was called "Radical Ron," literally threw caution to the wind and came away with the win in Saturday and Sunday's Over 40 Experts. Gusty winds on Saturday were making some riders take caution when jumping. Nevertheless, Turner - on a number of occasions - jumped farther than anyone, using this to catch the competition.

"It was windy, but it didn't seem to effect me on the jumps, except for when some of the riders - like Jones and Jorgensen - would jump short. I was afraid I would land on them," said Turner.

Turner pulled the holeshot for Sunday's first moto, followed by Chuck Sun, former TT and dirt track racer Alex Jorgensen, Rich Eierstedt and Brent Wallingsford. Bob Maxwell, who scored a fifth overall in Saturday's race, went over the side of the berm coming out of the canyon, which drops down about 25 feet.

"I overjumped the double out of the canyon, and then the rider in front of me turned early into the corner," Maxwell said. "I had to avoid him and I went over the berm and ended up on the other side of the track, but I didn't fall down."

Jorgensen got around Sun coming out of the north section to take over second. Soon after, Sun lost control in a mud puddle and the Russ Fletcher-tuned Husaberg shot out from under him.

After that, the positions stayed the same for the next three laps, with Turner taking the win, followed by Jorgensen, Eierstedt, Wallingsford and Mike Webb.

After running as low as 16th, Zoli Berenyi Jr. worked his way back to seventh.

Turner pulled the early lead again for the second moto, followed by Sun and Jorgensen. Berenyi and Eierstedt came from midpack starts and both passed two riders going up the hill. They then went by Gary Jones and Clark Jones going down the hill.

Sun, who admitted that he doesn't race motocross that much these days, started to fade back. Berenyi quickly moved by both Jorgensen and Sun within two corners. Eierstedt moved around Jorgensen in the sand pit for fourth. Jorgensen, who kept trying to find a way around Sun only to be passed by someone else, got by for fourth.

Turner's lead over Berenyi was reduced to three bike lengths when Turner lost his seat in front of the bleachers. Eierstedt lost a little ground to first and second with his Roll-offs malfunctioning and now had a pretty, clear streamer following him. Berenyi tried to pass Turner on the inside left-hander that leads to the uphill, but bobbled. Berenyi would not be denied, however, and as they came out of Bud's Creek, he got a better drive and went by Turner. Turner knew that he could let Berenyi go and get the overall.

Back in the pack, Bob Casper moved past Gary Jones to take over fifth, while Webb worked past Wallingsford for seventh.

Berenyi took the moto win, with Turner in second taking his 771st overall win, followed by Eierstedt, Jorgensen, Casper, Jones and Webb. CN

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Saturday

30+ PRO: 1. Willy Musgrave (Hon); 2. Adrian Robert (Hon); 3. Bryan Curtis (Kaw); 4. John Merwin (Hon); 5. Zoli Berenyi Jr. (Yam).

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30+ WMN: 1. Dawn Rogers (Yam).

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40+ NOV D-1 1. Scott Kinnier (Yam); 2. Jim Stott (Kaw); 3. Jay Heichelheim (Hon); 4. Glen Swecker (Hon); 5. Rodolfo Rezende (Kaw).

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35+ INT: 1. Randy Danylo (Kaw); 2. Willie Phee (Hon); 3. Ken McKenzie (Kaw); 4. Ed Wagstaff (Yam); 5. Donald Leib (KTM).

35+ NOV D-1 1.Glen Saboh (Suz); 2. Steve Walker (Hon); 3. David Barnes (Hon); 4. Mark Granberg (Suz); 5. Dave Feeney (Kaw).

35+ NOV D-2 1. Scott Highland (Suz); 2. Sam Ramirez (Yam); 3. Rick Watmore (Yam); 4. Bill McIntyre (Yam); 5. Rudy Chavez (Hon).

40+ EX: 1. Ron Turner (Yam); 2. Richard Eierstedt (Yam); 3. Alex Jorgensen (Kaw); 4. Zoli Berenyi Jr. (Yam); 5. Bob Casper (Hon).

40+ INT: 1. Joe Crippen (Hon); 2. Richard Anaya (Yam); 3. Joe Root (Kaw); 4. Tom Frantz (Hon); 5. David Pinkman (Hon).

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60+ NOV: 1. Bruce Cornell (Kaw); 2. Ken Williams (Yam); 3. Jack Biery (Yam).

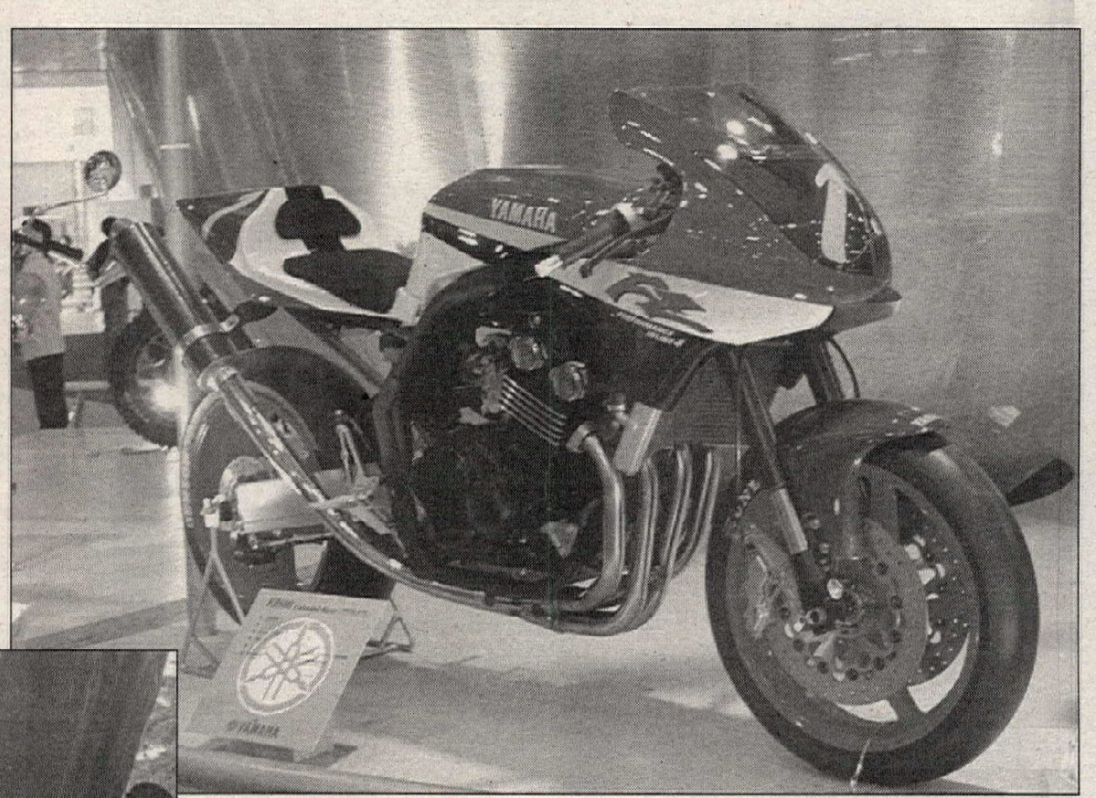
30+ WMN: 1. Bonnie Warch (Yam).

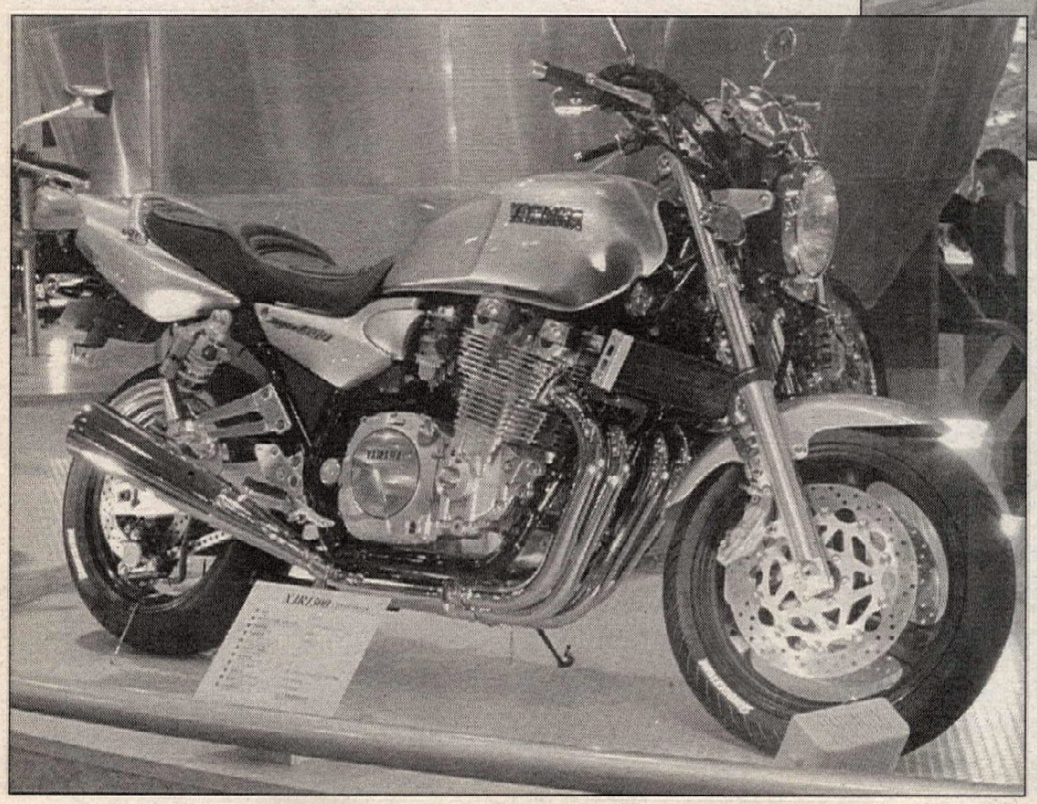
The 32nd Tokyo Motor Show

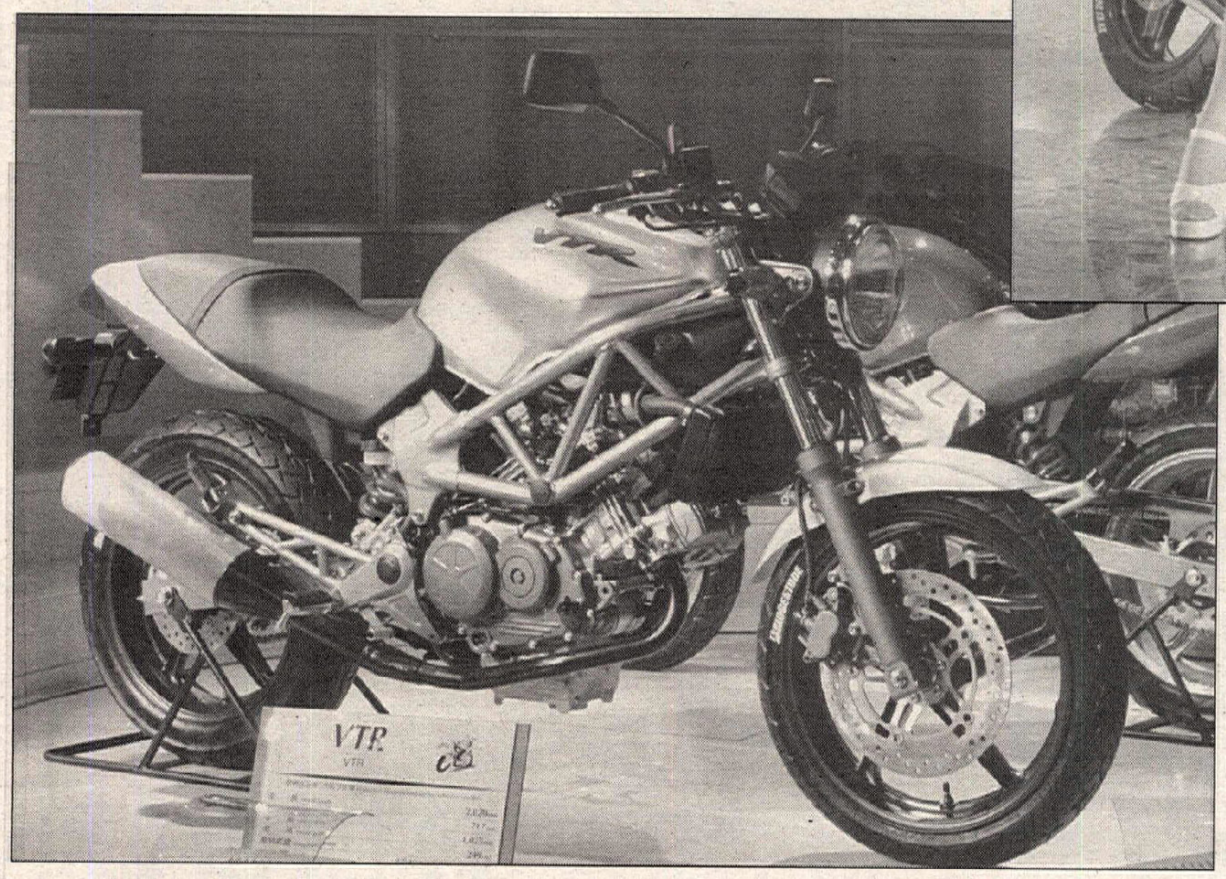
(Left) Show stealer? Nothing attracted as much attention during the 32nd Tokyo Motor Show as the Honda FN-1, a 1500cc V-four concept bike. Is the FN-1 a preview of what Honda has in store, styling-wise, for the future? The FN-1 uses a 52-degree, liquid-cooled V-four powerplant. The engine is longitudinally mounted and uses shaft drive, and the exhaust system appears to be the focal point of its styling. How's this for trick? The FN-1 also gets a GPS navigation system and two-piece wheels.
(Below) Yamaha displayed its FZ600-based race bike and (bottom) a naked XJR1300.

Photos by Tracy Hagen

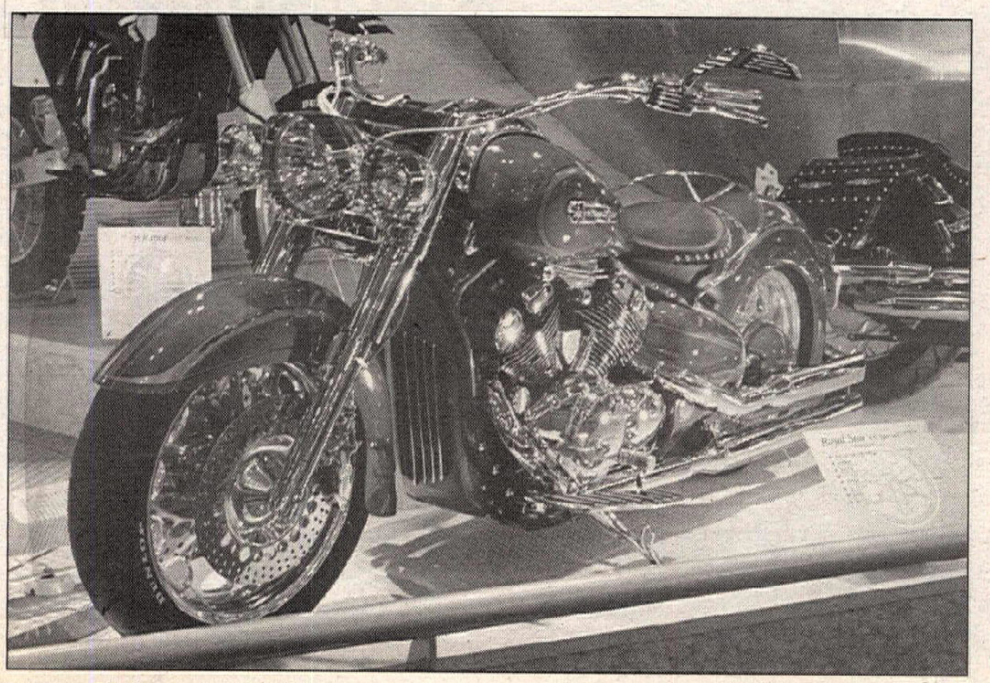
Look but don't touch







(Above left) As always, the Tokyo show also showed the very latest in scooters and other hybrids. Honda's Hybrid two-wheeler has both a gasoline-powered engine and an electric motor. The Modulated Hybrid System (MHS) chooses between the two powerplants depending on computations from the ECU, which receives information based on throttle settings, vehicle speed and battery voltage from various sensors.
(Above) Kawasaki displayed an Eddie Lawson replica ZXR400.
(Left) Honda's VTR250 - claimed to be the "ultimate pursuit for simplicity and lightness, ensuring exhilarating handling performance."
(Below left) The Yamaha Royal Star "U.S. Special" was an attention-getter at the Yamaha display.
(Below) We have no idea what this is, but that's part of the appeal of the Tokyo Motor Show.



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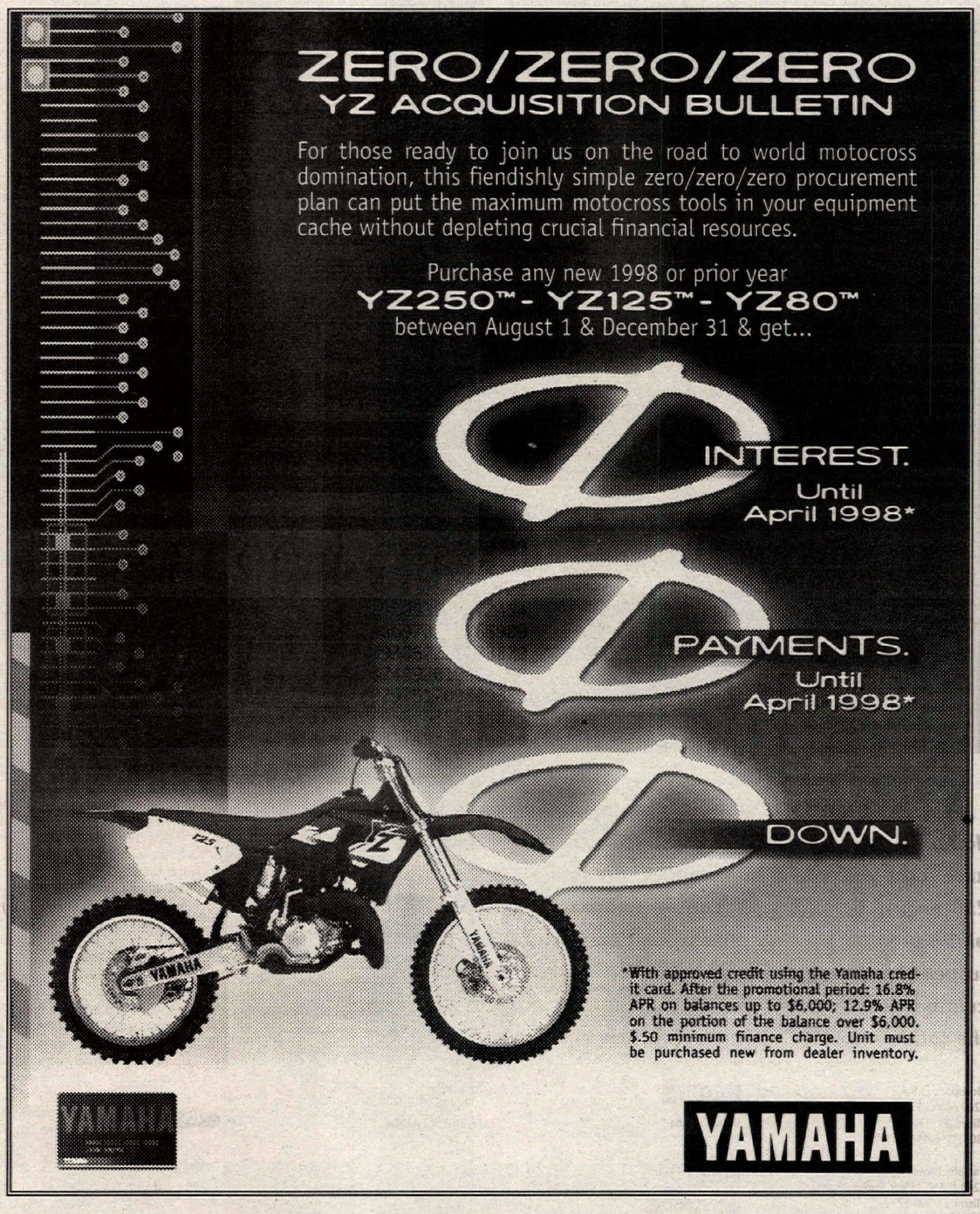

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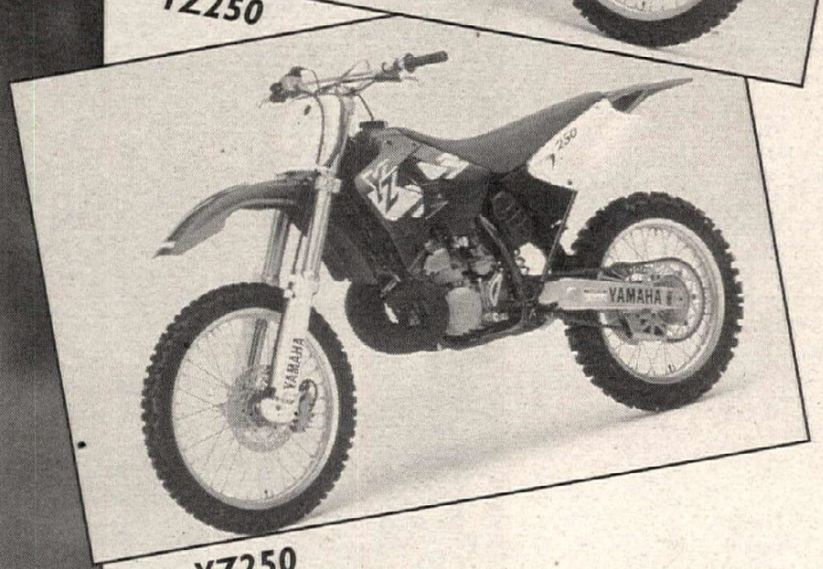

YZ250

Whether you're working the inside lines at the Silverdome or railing berms at Washougal, the '98 YZ250 has the juice. Last year's bike had smooth, predictable power. The '98 250 engine barks big with more midrange rip, more on top, plus a broader over-rev envelope. It's all here. More compliant suspension. Stronger brakes with "one-finger" feel. Every calculated tweak makes the '98 YZ250 exactly what you want: the total motocross power tool for the business of winning.

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NETRA Enduro Series, Round 9

Hines captures Cockaponset

(Far left) Kevin Hines won the NETRA Cockaponset Enduro with a three-point card. (Above) Tom Norton flew to second overall, first AA rider. (Left) James Kelly piloted his Husky to the 250cc A-class win.

By Paul Clipper, Trail Rider Magazine
Photos by Jay Chittenden

CHESTER, CT, OCT. 19

Every now and then, Kevin Hines has to come out and show the neighborhood enduro riders what it would be like if he decided to seriously contest the NETRA Enduro Series again, and, at the Cockaponset Enduro, he once again proved his point. With a ride that came very close to totaling zero over the 108-mile, bone-dry course, Hines dropped a total of only three to beat second place by four points.

The Salmon River County Riders laid out a course that took advantage of the short sections of woods trail that were available around the encroaching suburbia, as well as longer sections within Cockaponset State Forest. The devious trail bosses constructed a route sheet that featured 29 resets and a consistent 24-mph speed average - a challenge for the computer-equipped and a real trial for the manual timekeepers. Many of the sections were barely a mile long, which caused all sorts of trouble for those who were less than attentive to their mileage. In spite of this, there were very few burn points posted - a testimony to the patience of NETRA enduro riders.

Hines came out fast in the morning, but appeared to be pacing right alongside reigning NETRA Enduro Champion Jason Cayer, who matched him score for score through the sixth check. Both dropped a single point at check three, and then the fifth check was a somewhat major points-taker, where Cayer dropped 1:53 compared to Hines' 1:50. After the sixth check, Hines decided to turn it up, zeroing all but the final check, while Cayer just missed the flip at checks seven, nine and 10. The final check saw Hines sneak in with a 1:48; he was the only person to drop less than two. Cayer lost 2 1/2 minutes in that section, but his total by then was a seven, putting him well behind Hines.

Several other top riders matched the seven score or came close, including championship hopeful Tom Norton, who lost a point at the first check, immediately putting him off the leaders' pace. He made it up by zeroing check 10, while Cayer posted a one, but he couldn't scrub off another point, try as he might. The other seven-point score was posted by Bob White, who had a better ride in the afternoon, almost matching Hines' score for score except for a single point at check nine. Norton had the second-best score at the finish check, a 2:09, while White went 2:11.

A single eight-point card was good enough to win the High Point A award for Hans Neff, riding a new KTM Jackpiner. Neff had a blazing score of 1:04 at check five - a full 46 seconds faster than Hines - but Neff was a little careless at the rest of the checks. High Point A isn't bad, though. Bill Riordan scored the best B-class score, with 13 points down. He matched scores with B Four-Stroke rider Bryan Liebenthal, who missed the top B position by a handful of seconds. The C High Point was taken by William Puffer, who had just joined NETRA that morning. Bill scored a 15 over the abbreviated C-class loop, a full three points faster than C Light-class rider Scott Hoginski, who won his class with an 18. The Women's-class trophy was won by Heidi Landon, who rode with her friend Dawn Silvia, but made sure Dawn lost one extra point - 60-61 total - although they matched scores at every other check. The Super Senior class was once again won by Gordon Razee, who must have a barn full of trophies by now.

Cockaponset Enduro
Chester, Connecticut
Results: October 19, 1997 (Round 9 of 10)

O/A: 1. Kevin Hines (CRE)
H-PT A: 1. Hans Neff (KTM).
H-PT B: 1. Bill Riordan (KTM).
H-PT C: 1. William Puffer.

AA: 1. Tom Norton (KTM); 2. Bob White (CRE); 3. Jason Cayer (CRE); 4. Paul Milliken (KTM); 5. Jerry Randall (KTM).

BNTM A: 1. Kevin Howley (KTM); 2. James Cooney (KTM); 3. Pete Tanner (CRE); Neil Dennett (Yam); 5. Steve Antoniou (Kaw).

BNTM B: 1. Joe McLaughlin (Kaw); 2. Corey Borovicka (Hus); 3. Jon Larrabee (KTM); 4. Mark Beauregard (KTM); 5. Jeff Picard (Suz).

BNTM C: 1. Shawn Pimental (KTM); 2. Greg Rosenboon (Kaw).

L/W A: 1. James Kelly; 2. Matt Bingham (Suz); 3. Scott L'Heureux (Hon); 4. Paul Piva (Suz).

L/W B: 1. Glenn Arnold (Suz); 2. Raffi Peterson (CRE); 3. Mark Bouvier (Hus); 4. Mark Cufkin (KTM); 5. Eric DeGray (Kaw).

L/W C: 1. Scott Hoginski (Hon); 2. Todd Jones (Hus); 3. James Silva (KTM).

H/W A: 1. Mike Zahansky (KTM); 2. Bill Sironen (KTM); 3. Mike Nash.

H/W B: 1. Jeff Cote (KTM); 2. James Copeland; 3. J.C. Zwick (KTM); 4. Tony Mazur (KTM); 5. Mike Stone (Hon).

H/W C: 1. Ralph Elzarko (KTM); 2. Robert Limmer (KTM); 3. Russ Armstrong (KTM); 4. Scott Loring (KTM); 5. Scott Harrington (KTM).

4-STRK A: 1. James Burns (Hbg); 2. Bill Drummey (Hon); 3. Richard Seymour (Hon).

4-STRK B: 1. Bryan Liebenthal; 2. Tony Fabiano; 3. James Robertson (Hon); 4. Layne Dutlinger (Kaw); 5. John Considine (Hus).

4-STRK C: 1. Pat Nault (Hon); 2. Tom Smith (Hon); 3. Dave Oram (Hon); 4. Layne Derby (Hon); 5. Jeff Grant (Hon).

VET A: 1. Geoff Wurlitzer (Hon); 2. Sam Fischer (CRE); 3. Ken Robbins (CRE); 4. Dan Cowan (Kaw); 5. Fred Goldberg (Hon).

VET B: 1. Paul Darezzo (Suz); 2. Martin Griff (Yam); 3. Rick Sagun (Kaw); 4. Randall Gifford (KTM); 5. Bruce Rocha (Suz).

VET C: 1. Matt Meany (Kaw); 2. David Cameron (KTM); 3. Ed Mierzyewski (Hus); 4. Peter Rainone (Hus); 5. James Simmons (KTM).

SR A: 1. Roger Rodrigue (KTM); 2. Irving Witkop (KTM); 3. Jim Stoddard (KTM); 4. Dave Ellingwood (KTM); 5. John Dunn (Kaw).

SR B: 1. Peter Anania (Hon); 2. Bob Landry (CRE); 3. Paul Clipper (Hbg); 4. Paul Silansky (Kaw); 5. Ken Davis (Hon).

SR C: 1. William Mumford (Suz); 2. Carl Mickels (Kaw); 3. John Corliss (KTM); 4. Bob Dropcho (Kaw); 5. Francis Kaess (Hus).

S/SR: 1. Gordon Razee (Hon); 2. Tom Farley (CRE); 3. Paul Lussier (KTM); 4. Irwin Moiseff (Kaw); 5. Ernie Mellor (KTM).

WMN: 1. Heidi Landon (Kaw); 2. Dawn Silvia (Kaw).

Brown bags the title

By Mitchell Roop

SOCIETY HILL, SC, NOV. 2

Mike Brown came to Camp Coker MX Park needing "a good finish in either moto" to clinch the AMA Fall Classic Series title. Paul Currie and Kevin Walker did not want Brown to have a good finish, but when all was said and done, there was little that either rider could do to prevent just that.

Kawasaki-mounted Currie pulled the holeshot, with Walker on his fender, and Brown, Jim Neese and Marcus Hedrick rounding out the top five. Walker and his Yamaha of Kingsport YZ250 made a quick move on Currie to try to put some distance on the field. Keith Bowen completed the first lap in 10th, and with the AMA Eastern Four-Stroke National title already his, he did not need to conserve any energy. Bowen started a hard charge through the pack. Brown quickly closed on Currie and got by on lap two, as Currie fell into Neese's sights. Brown got right up into Walker's roost, and the two began to pull away from the pack.

During the third lap, Brown washed the front end out in a slow turn and let Walker pull out to a six-second lead. Brown was up quickly in third, between Currie and Neese. Walker would not need any more tearoffs for the rest of the moto as he pulled away to a 10-second lead - a lead that he would carry to the checkers. Neese, Brown and Bowen forced Currie into fifth. For the next few laps, Bowen was content to watch in fourth while Neese and Brown took turns sandblasting each other's bikes. No more than two bike lengths separated the pair for the next four laps.

With two laps to go, Brown decided to be happy with third to clinch the AMA Fall Classic title, letting Neese pull away by about 10 bike lengths. Bowen was close enough to try to take advantage of Brown's lapse, but Brown had enough left in his Chesterfield Yamaha to hold Bowen off. Currie crossed the line ahead of Matt Walker to round out the top five. Brown's third-place finish was two places above the fifth-place points that he needed to secure the series title over Brock Sellards.

Walker came to the starting line of moto two looking for his first overall win of the AMA Fall Classic. Walker did not have to look past the first turn, as he was the only overall contender forced to pick himself up off of the ground after tangling with Jim Chester.

"He (Chester) hit me so hard from behind, he knocked the glove off of my hand," Walker said later.

Meanwhile, Neese got a clean holeshot, with Currie, Brown, Bowen and Sellards trailing. Walker found his glove and remounted, trying to make up for lost time, moving into seventh at the end of the third lap. Brown and Bowen moved by Currie and began to apply pressure to Neese. On the fifth lap, Neese returned the first-moto favor, letting the front end slide out to Brown and jumping back up to fall in behind Bowen. By midmoto, Walker had moved into fifth place, and his charge through the field finally ran out of steam. During the next three laps, Brown began to gradually pull away to the moto win, displaying the form that brought him the AMA Fall Classic title. Bowen and Neese crisscrossed lines for the next three laps. Bowen, riding his sixth moto of the day, finally began to fade two laps from the end, and he settled for third.

The Tecnosel Carolina Ultra Series finale was run in conjunction with the AMA Fall Classic Series, and the race fans at Camp Coker got to see more Pro action on 125s. Derrick Bentley strutted his talents in the first 125cc Pro moto, taking the holeshot and leading from start to finish. In second and third, Walker and Brown got to race each other one more time. Matt Walker and Sellards rounded out the top five. Brown bogged the motor in some loose sand while trying to pass Kevin Walker and made a short off-course excursion without losing position. By that time, Bowen's recovery from a midpack start had him in fifth place. Bentley easily won the first moto, with Kevin Walker, Brown, Matt Walker and Bowen in tow.

The second 125cc Pro moto had the KXs of Brock Sellards and Paul Currie leading out of the first turn, with Kevin Walker, Brown and Matt Walker filling in the top five. Sellards led moto two from start to finish. Brown moved into second halfway through the moto, leaving Currie to fight off first-moto winner Bentley. Brown closed on Sellards with two laps to go, and was a bike length back at the finish. Currie, Bentley and Kevin completed the top five.

Kevin Walker rode six motos for the day, also competing in the Over 25 A class with fellow Pro racer Jim Chester. Walker got the holeshot in both motos and led from start to finish, followed by Chester in both motos. The effort was not enough to move Walker past Chester in the Ultra Series points standings. Chester also won the Ultra Series points race over Walker in the 125 and 250cc Pro classes.

Joshua Summey won three of the four motos that he entered. In the first moto of the 85cc (12-13) class, he fell on lap two and, at the time, it did not look like it was going to be a good day for the Amateur National Champion. But Summey rode hard to finish second behind a hard-charging Adam Overcash. Moto two went a little better, with Summey leading all laps. The Supermini class went a little easier for Summey, who led from start to finish over eventual second-place finisher Spencer Hill.

Camp Coker MX Park
Society Hill, South Carolina
Results: November 2, 1997 (Round 6 of 6)

50 (4-6): 1. Brett Michaud (Cob); 2. Madison Hambright (Cob); 3. Taylor Futrell (ATK); 4. Tyler Bright (KTM); 5. McKinnon Welborn (Cob).

50 (7-8): 1. Chad Wages (Cob); 2. Broc Tickle (Cob); 3. Davin Price (Lem); 4. Zach Osborne (KTM); 5. Butch McHone (Kaw).

60 (10-11): 1. Stephen Martin (Kaw); 2. Dustin Oates (Kaw); 3. Harris Altman (Kaw); 4. David Walls (Kaw); 5. Christopher Chesnee (Kaw).

60 (7-9): 1. Chad Wages (Kaw); 2. Philip Ivers (Kaw); 3. Aarons Nations (Kaw); 4. Joshua Schmitt (Kaw); 5. Davin Price (Kaw).

85 (12-13): 1. Joshua Summey (Kaw); 2. Adam Overcash (Suz); 3. William Bryant (Yam); 4. Drew Kain (Kaw); 5. Dennis West (Kaw).

85 (14-15): 1. Casey Barnes (Suz); 2. Thomas Kelley (Kaw); 3. Nicholas Warner (Suz); 4. Michael McGourty (Kaw); 5. Aaron Stancil (Yam).

JR MINI: 1. B.J. Huntsinger (Suz); 2. Stephen Shoaf (Suz); 3. Stephen Martin (Kaw); 4. Aarons Nations (Kaw); 5. Jason Langford (Yam).

SCHBY: 1. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 2. Casey Barnes (Suz); 3. Shane Hager (Hon); 4. David Dunbar (Hon); 5. Doug Earls (Suz).

S/MINI: 1. Joshua Summey (Kaw); 2. Spencer Hill (Yam); 3. Thomas Kelley (Kaw); 4. Drew Kain (Kaw); 5. Adam Overcash (Suz).

(Above) Mike Brown (21) chases Kevin Walker (859) early in the first 250cc Pro moto of the AMA Fall Classic MX Series finale at Camp Coker MX Park. Brown went on to score the overall win, which more than locked up the series championship.

125 PRO: 1. Mike Brown (Yam); 2. Derrick Bentley (Kaw); 3. Kevin Walker (Yam); 4. Brock Sellards (Kaw); 5. Paul Currie (Kaw).

125 B: 1. Jason Fink (Kaw); 2. Jeremy Brown (Kaw); 3. Derick Hedrick (Suz); 4. Brad Edwards (Suz); 5. James Webb Jr. (Yam).

125 C: 1. Shane Hager (Hon); 2. Doug Earls (Suz); 3. Evan Owenby (Suz); 4. Kenneth Smith (Hon); 5. Brandon Hankins (Yam).

250 PRO: 1. Mike Brown (Yam); 2. Jim Neese (KTM); 3. Kevin Walker (Yam); 4. Keith Bowen (KTM); 5. Brock Sellards (Kaw); 6. Jim Chester (Suz); 7. Martin Vaughn (Hon); 8. Joseph Oehlhof (Hon); 9. Chad Newton (Suz); 10. Chuck Shirley (Kaw).

250 B: 1. Brian Lane (Kaw); 2. Brad Edwards (Suz); 3. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 4. Jason Fink (Kaw); 5. Paul Justus (Yam).

250 C: 1. Anthony Orr (Suz); 2. Steve Stroupe (Kaw); 3. Jay Taylor (Suz); 4. David Tucker (Suz); 5. Clark McAlister (Suz).

25+ A: 1. Kevin Walker (Yam); 2. Jim Chester (Suz); 3. Donald Alford (Suz); 4. Kirk Johnson (Yam); 5. Jason Morgart (Hon).

25+ B: 1. William Cassavaugh (Suz); 2. Albert McCoy (KTM); 3. Frank Koenig Jr. (KTM); 4. Kevin Blalock (Yam); 5. Brandon Williams (Yam).

25+ C: 1. Mark Huntsinger (Suz); 2. Nevan Rushing (Hon); 3. David Vaughn (Hon); 4. Scott Tyson (Yam); 5. Daron Petrea (Hon).

30+ A: 1. Joel Baker (Suz); 2. Donald Alford (Suz); 3. Donnie Foster (Suz); 4. Ricky Joyce (KTM); 5. Craig Johnson (Yam).

30+ B: 1. Albert McCoy (KTM); 2. Robert Thanas (Kaw); 3. Leslie Belcher (Suz); 4. Jeff Tomlinson (Yam); 5. Todd Ritchie (KTM).

30+ C: 1. Mark Huntsinger (Suz); 2. Ari Relford (Hon); 3. John Parks (Suz); 4. Mitch Libera (Yam); 5. Larry Stephens (Kaw).

35+: 1. Joel Baker (Suz); 2. Donnie Foster (Suz); 3. Mike Taylor (Suz); 4. David Tucker (Suz); 5. Daniel Bell (Suz).

40+: 1. Stuart English (Hon); 2. Gary Baisden (KTM); 3. Duke Finch (Yam); 4. William Bryant Jr. (Yam); 5. Rick Rickard (Suz).

U/L AM: 1. James Webb Jr. (Yam); 2. Marc Woods (Yam); 3. Eric Barnes (Suz); 4. David Dunbar (Hon); 5. Ty Reeves (Hon).

U/L C/D: 1. Clark McAlister (Suz); 2. Derrick Kain (Kaw); 3. Chris McSwain (Kaw); 4. Evan Owenby (Suz); 5. Justin Brooks (Kaw).

AMA FALL CLASSIC SERIES POINTS STANDINGS (After 6 of 6 rounds): 1. Mike Brown (264); 2. Brock Sellards (215); 3. Jim Neese (206); 4. Jim Povolny (188); 5. Kevin Walker (156); 6. Keith Bowen (145); 7. Mark Burkhart (114); 8. Todd DeHoop (95); 9. Joe Oehlhof (94); 10. Martin Vaughn (90).

Neese breaks camp

(Left) Jim Neese put together 3-1 moto scores to win the final round of the AMA Eastern Four-Stroke National Motocross Series at the Camp Coker MX track in South Carolina. (Below) Factory KTM rider Keith Bowen only needed to place ninth or better in one of the two motos to clinch the series championship. A runner-up finish in moto one secured the title.

By Mitchell Roop

SOCIETY HILL, SC, NOV. 2

Keith Bowen arrived at Camp Coker needing only a ninth-place finish in one of two motos to secure the AMA Eastern Four-Stroke National Motocross Series title. A fifth-place start in the first moto by Bowen left little suspense as to who would be champion, but there were still plenty of riders who wanted to make a final mark on the series for the year.

Mark Musselman led moto one into the first turn, but Kelly Smith got inside and quickly moved into first. Smith and his Husaberg then proceeded to disappear from the pack. By the halfway point, Smith had a 10-second lead and looked like he had the first moto in the bag. At the end of the first lap, Todd DeHoop was in second, with Jim Neese and Musselman following.

During the second lap, Neese moved DeHoop back to third, with Bowen moving up to pressure DeHoop. On the third lap, Bowen moved his Silent Sport KTM into third, and the race order looked set for the moto, with Smith leading, followed by Neese, Bowen, DeHoop and Musselman. Smith's secure 10-second lead, however, only lasted to the halfway point, when Neese started to close the gap. When the crossed flags came out to mark the midpoint of the moto, Neese and Bowen began to close in, leaving the rest of the pack behind him.

Two laps from the end, Smith slammed into the face of a whoop at the scoring tower, allowing Neese to get close enough to challenge. Five bike lengths separated Smith and Neese as the white flag came into view at the end of the whoop section. Smith slowed to safely run the whoops and take the white flag, making sure that he did not make the same mistake twice.

As they began the last lap, Smith and Neese were side by side. Two turns later, Smith and Neese overtook a lapped rider, and Smith decided to go inside, hesitating slightly while waiting for the lapper to clear the only line that had been used during the moto. Neese did not hesitate and, seeing his opportunity on the outside of the turn, made the move. But he got into the deep, loose sand and dropped his bike. The crowd moaned over the rumble of the thumpers as Neese hurriedly tried to get up before Bowen got by, but Neese couldn't and had to settle for third.

"I went outside (of Smith), and I just lost the front end," Neese said. "It was my last chance, and my arms were pumped up really bad."

With the title decided, Bowen was ready to ride the second moto "and just have fun." Smith lined up, ready to turn his first-moto success and Michigan sand-riding experience into an overall victory in the South Carolina sand. When the gate dropped, Neese and his O'Neal/Kingsport Kawasaki-Husaberg thundered into the first turn with the lead. Behind him, there was chaos.

"I came in hot and got tangled with some other riders," Smith said later, "and then the bike wouldn't start."

The first-turn pileup put Smith, Musselman and Jeremy Shoning on the ground at the start of the second moto. As Smith kicked his Husaberg, Neese took advantage of the gap that the pileup had given him, immediately taking a five-second lead over DeHoop and Bowen.

Smith finally got up and under way a minute and a half behind the leaders, or about 40 seconds away from being a lap behind. A good overall finish did not look to be in Smith's future for the day, but he really twisted the throttle hard as he started his first lap. DeHoop held on to second for three laps before Bowen got by to chase down Neese. Bowen crossed the gap between DeHoop and Neese in a lap and was ready to "just have fun," kicking sand in Neese's face.

At the halfway point, Neese and Bowen were kicking sand in each others' faces, and Smith was recovering from the first-turn pileup to move into 10th. Smith was on the gas, with plenty of momentum - and with several racers close enough to overtake. Smith would not be seeing Neese or Bowen, as their battle carried them far away from the rest of the pack. DeHoop was secure in third place and unchallenged for the rest of the moto.

Bowen led for three more laps before Neese reasserted himself for the final two laps and made a pass to take the moto win and the overall victory. The 2-2 moto finishes of Bowen were good for second overall and more than enough for the AMA Eastern Four-Stroke National Motocross Series title. Smith's charge from dead last to fourth gave him third overall on the day. CN

Camp Coker
Society Hill, South Carolina
Results: November 2, 1997 (Round 6 of 6)

O/A: 1. Jim Neese (Hbg); 2. Keith Bowen (KTM); 3. Kelly Smith (KTM); 4. Todd DeHoop (Hbg); 5. Larry Gessner (Hbg); 6. Chris Knox (Hbg); 7. Jeremy Shoning (Hbg); 8. Donald Alford (KTM); 9. Ricky Joyce (KTM); 10. Chris Rhoten (Hbg).

AMA EASTERN FOUR-STROKE NATIONAL MOTOCROSS SERIES POINTS STANDINGS (After 6 of 6 rounds): 1. Keith Bowen (282); 2. Jim Neese (243); 3. Kelly Smith (229); 4. Jeremy Shoning (163); 5. Todd DeHoop (162); 6. Mark Musselman (162); 7. Chris Knox (133); 8. Donnie Alford (125); 9. Alex Elroy Rossetto (102); 10. Chris Rhoten (100).

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(Above) A pack of 250cc Pros rounds the first turn during the third annual Swan Cycle Park Pro Challenge MX in Tyler, Texas. Mike Brown (not shown) was the day's big winner, topping both the 125 and 250cc classes.

Swan Cycle Park Pro Challenge MX

Brown above par at Swan

By Kat Spann
Photos by Deb Hershman

TYLER, TX, OCT. 26

Mike Brown had it his way at Swan Cycle Park at the third annual Pro Challenge, taking home a good chunk of the $20,000 Pro purse by winning both 125cc motos and then using a 1-2 punch in the 250cc ranks to collect even more cash, which was earned in the individual motos.

The Yamaha of Troy-backed rider from Tennessee chased Oklahoma's Robbie Reynard to the checkered flag in the first moto of the 250cc class, but used a come-from-behind start to take over the race on lap five of the second moto for the win.

"I love coming to Swan," an elated Brown said. "This track is fast, rough and wide."

Ohio's Brock Sellards and Texan Team Green/D&S Kawasaki's Chris Torrance shared the holeshot honors at the start of the first 125cc moto, but Brown quickly took the lead by the end of the first lap and held it to the finish of the 22-minute-plus-one-lap race. American Suzuki's Charley Bogard collided with another rider off the start and headed back to the pits with a bent pipe as Brown began the race in third.

"All I saw was a yellow fender," Bogard said, "and then I cartwheeled into the trees!"

A pass on both Torrance and Sellards in the early turns of the first lap saw Brown lead out of the wooded section. KTM-mounted Keith Bowen gated fifth but worked his way to third in three laps, first passing New Mexico's Keith Johnson and then Torrance before chasing Sellards for three laps until he could nail a pass on the younger racer. Bowen then began to reel in Brown, who had a six-second lead on the pack, to a second and a half by the end of lap 10. En route to the white flag, Bowen passed Brown over a jump out on the back section. Brown almost took the position back over the midfield jump on the last lap, but Bowen held his line.

They were side by side in the final two turns of the course, with Brown outpowering Bowen just short of the checkered flag to take the lead back and the win by only a bike length. Sellards hung on to third, followed by Keith Johnson, Tim Ferry, Cliff Palmer and Torrance.

New Mexico's Ryan Clark holeshot the second moto of the 125cc class and held his lead to the halfway point of the first lap before Brown made a move for the front spot. Jacob Martin, a rookie Pro from Oklahoma, was in third, followed by fellow rookie Nick Wey and Texan Caleb Leath. Wey got around Martin on the second lap and chased Clark for four more laps before attacking for second and taking that position.

By the end of lap eight, Brown already had a 13-second lead on Wey. In the meantime, Bogard, who gated poorly, ran through the pack to get behind Clark, using an outside charge off of jump number eight to go bar to bar with Clark up the next hill and make a pass over the top. Clark, however, had no intention of giving up third place to anyone, and he chased Bogard, taking his position back just after the white flag and holding it throughout the final lap to the finish.

Reynard nailed the holeshot in the first moto of the 250cc race, with Brown at his rear wheel and 44 riders behind them. Brown charged by Reynard at the end of lap three to take the lead, but Reynard took it back in the bottom of the first downhill on the next lap. A race for seventh place ensued between Cliff Palmer and Tim Ferry at the halfway point in the moto, with Ferry passing Palmer at the start of the whoops on the next lap. By this time, Reynard had an eight-second lead on Brown, proving he wanted that $2250 first-place moto money. Nick Wey crossed the checkered flag in third, followed by Shaun Kalos, Palmer and Ferry.

Grayson Goodman used the force of his Kawasaki of Carrollton-backed 250 to take the holeshot honors in moto two, chased by Sellards, Palmer, Bowen and Brown. Sellards passed Goodman at the top of lap two for the lead as the rest of the top five followed suit, pushing Goodman back to fifth by the end of the third lap. The gloves were thrown and the fight was on, as Palmer did his best to keep second behind Sellards, but Brown had other plans for the Oklahoma racer. Bowen, too, put the pressure on Palmer as soon as Brown made his pass, pushing Palmer back to fourth by the end of lap four. Brown passed Sellards at the top of lap five for the lead, and then Bowen did the same, using a "vet" move to get by the younger racer.

In the meantime, Reynard was making his way back from behind.

"I got bumped out off the start and was almost dead last," Reynard said, "but I came up on the pack and just kept passing everyone I saw."

By the end of lap five, Reynard was in fifth place.

After Bowen's pass on Sellards, Bowen spent the next two laps looking down at his bike, as motor gremlins took over the KTM and shut Bowen out of a decent finish. Sellards took back the second position and did all he could to hold off Reynard, but Reynard was on a mission and wasn't about to let Sellards or lapped riders hold him back from the chunk of change that came with the win. In half a lap, Reynard went from fifth to second place, but the 30 minutes were up too soon to reel in the leader, Mike Brown, for the win. CN

Swan Cycle Park
Tyler, Texas
Results: October 26, 1997

125 O/A: 1. Mike Brown (Yam); 2. Brock Sellards (Kaw); 3. Austin Squires (Suz); 4. Jeff Dement (Yam); 5. Chris Torrance (Kaw); 6. Jacob Martin (Suz); 7. Isaiah Johnson (Kaw); 8. Michael Peacock (Yam); 9. Dennis Owens (Kaw); 10. Travis Riley (Kaw); 11. Hutch Weast (Kaw); 12. Dax Kastrin (Suz); 13. Cody Marek (Hon); 14. Joey Pratt (Suz); 15. Chad Sparks (Yam); 16. Chris Craft (Yam); 17. Nick Wey (Kaw); 18. Charley Bogard (Suz); 19. Keith Bowen (KTM); 20. Keith Johnson (Yam).

250 O/A: 1. Mike Brown (Yam); 2. Robbie Reynard (Yam); 3. Nick Wey (Kaw); 4. Cliff Palmer (Kaw); 5. Keith Johnson (Yam); 6. Tim Ferry (Yam); 7. Jeff Dement (Kaw); 8. Keith Bowen (KTM); 9. Todd Downs (Kaw); 10. Dean Lane (Hbg); 11. Jacob Filsurf (Yam); 12. Mike Boliver (Kaw); 13. Michael Gage (Kaw); 14. Dax Kastrin (Suz); 15. Chris Craft (Yam); 16. Isaiah Johnson (Kaw); 17. Nick Moomaw (Hon); 18. Austin Squires (Suz); 19. Josh Eads (Kaw); 20. Brad Woolsey (Kaw).

SETRA High Point Hare Scramble

Ramey III hits a High Point

By Kenneth King

PERRY, GA, OCT. 19

SETRA's Hare Scrambles Champion, Franklin Ramey III, started the new season by taking the overall win at the High Point Hare Scrambles on private land in Perry.

Ramey, on his new KTM 250EXC, would finish the 64-mile course in two hours, 12 minutes and 53 seconds, just 27 seconds ahead of second overall Bryan Adams, who would make the course with a 2:13:20. Team Green rider Ashley Brewer, who has been riding in top form, would finish just one second behind Adams for the third overall spot.

"I had a lot of fun and just tried to relax and ride smooth," Ramey said. "I didn't get the start I wanted, but I charged hard on the first lap and tried to get up front."

Landowner Bruce Douglas and his friend Steve Johnson laid out an almost perfect hare scrambles track. It was 16 miles long and filled with just the right amount of tight woods and wide-open, fifth-gear straights - basically, a very fun course. The race would consist of four laps, and all the riders would start at 1 p.m. There were close to 220 riders out to race on a gorgeous autumn day. Rain a few days earlier guaranteed there would be no dust and, with very pleasant temperatures and not a cloud in the sky, you couldn't ask for better racing conditions.

With an AA class of seven riders, and a strong 250cc and Open class, Ramey knew he would have to be on the gas all day. The riders started on the pasture with a dead-engine start, fired their bikes and raced about 75 yards straight into the woods. Tommy Veator pulled the holeshot, followed closely by Brewer and newly promoted Steve Saunders on his RM, with Adams close behind Saunders. Ramey was pushed off the course and took a little detour through the trees before getting back on the trail. KTM's Allen Gravitt had some problems starting his bike and brought up the rear.

"I had been practicing on my starts, and I knew I could pull the start," Gravitt said. "When I kicked the bike, nothing happened. The engine didn't turn over. It took me a few kicks to get going."

The first half of the course was very fast, with a lot of pastures to cross. Veator held on to his lead as long as he could, but soon succumbed to Brewer and the onslaught of the other AAs. At the end of the first lap, Brewer set the fast time with 32 minutes, 37 seconds. Adams was right on Brewer's rear fender, coming through the scoring barrels just three seconds behind him. It didn't take Ramey long to make his way through the pack - he would soon be just seven seconds behind Adams. Gravitt was next, with a 33.03, and Saunders was hounding him, just four seconds back.

On lap two, Ramey managed to get by Adams and Brewer and take the lead. Brewer was in hot pursuit, coming

(Left) SETRA hare scrambles champion Franklin Ramey III started the new season off in good form with a win at the opening-round High Point Hare Scramble in Perry, Georgia.
(Above) Nick Mairose guided his new KTM 125SX to the win in the 125cc Intermediate class during the CRC Gremlin Grand Prix, held at LACR in Palmdale, California.

through the scoring area just one second behind. At the end of lap two, the order was Ramey, Brewer, Adams, Gravitt, Saunders, Veator and Gary Hendricks. Ramey beat his first lap time by eight seconds. As riders went through the barrels, they were greeted with a nice, muddy creek crossing, and then went on to a grass-track section on a pasture. Brewer would have a little mishap at this creek crossing.

"I got tangled up right after going through the barrels, and fell in the mud," Brewer said. "It cost me a lot of time, because after that, I had to gas up, too."

Most riders stopped for gas at the end of lap two.

By lap three, Ramey was steadily increasing his pace and putting valuable seconds between himself and the other riders. Brewer was still hot after Ramey, but he was now one minute, seven seconds behind the KTM rider. Adams was giving chase to Brewer, with only 18 seconds between the two. In the fourth spot was Gravitt, who had about a 30-second lead on Saunders. Veator would be one minute, 19 seconds behind Saunders.

The final lap saw Ramey still leading, but the second spot changed hands from Brewer to Adams.

"By the fourth lap, the trail had gotten pretty chewed up by all the other riders," Brewer said. "I thought I was on the trail, but it just dead-ended. It cost me at least a minute or two before I found out and turned around to get back on the trail. I met Steve (Saunders), who was doing the same thing. We both got a little sidetracked."

As he was within seconds of Ramey, that little detour cost Brewer valuable time that he just couldn't make up, but he still took the third overall position.

At the end of the day, Ramey proved to be the fastest, but the 38-year-old Adams really put the pressure on the champ.

"I had a really good race," Adams said. "I got arm pump in the first couple of laps, but then warmed up and started charging. On the last lap, we got into some lappers, and I had to get off the trail to make a pass. I hit a stump and fell. Then Ashley (Brewer) caught me, and we raced to the finish."

Gravitt would be fourth, just a minute off of Brewer, with Saunders in fifth - not bad for his first AA ride. CN

High Point Hare Scramble
Perry, Georgia
Results: October 19, 1997

O/A: Franklin Ramey III.
AA: 1. Bryan Adams; 2. Ashley Brewer.
OPEN A: 1. Steve Hardeman; 2. Robert Fowler; 3. John Carr.
OPEN B: 1. John Carver; 2. Timmy Edwards.
OPEN C: 1. Mark Benson; 2. Toby Boyd; 3. Kenneth Smith; 4. Jason Ward.
200 A: 1. Lee Stephens; 2. Robert Neley; 3. Mark Crazier.
200 B: 1. George Miller; 2. Robert Stevenpiper; 3. George Miller.
200 C: 1. Chris Kile; 2. Rick McElween; 3. Jeff Flemistar; 4. Jimmy Armstrong.
250 A: 1. Frank Koenig; 2. Mark Lee; 3. William Trammell.
250 B: 1. Tim King; 2. Mike Garner; 3. John Hoyer.
250 C: 1. Sheaffer Cheek; 2. Shannon Moore; 3. Gary Grey; 4. Nathan Phillips.
SR A: 1. Mitch McRee; 2. Richard Edmonds; 3. Andy Bean.
SR B: 1. Kenneth King; 2. Pat Williamson; 3. Jeff Gordy.
SR C: 1. Richard Morabito; 2. David Strawhorne; 3. Steve Aydelott.
S/SR A: 1. Frank Nelson; 2. John Kealey.
S/SR B: 1. Richard Patterson; 2. Sonny Roberts; 3. Cole Buchanan.
MSTR A: 1. Harry Greelove.
MSTR B: 1. Jack Lenning.
MSTR C: 1. Karen Nelson.
4-STRK B: 1. Jeffery Walker; 2. Daniel Munsrud; 3. Don Dutson.
4-STRK C: 1. Steve Pamplin; 2. Jonathan Streetman; 3. Mike Brillanti.

Mairose masters CRC Grand Prix

By Greg Robertson

PALMDALE, CA, OCT. 19
Nick Mairose made his debut ride on his new KTM a memorable one by charging up from a last-place start to win the 125cc Intermediate class during California Racing Club's Gremlin Grand Prix at Los Angeles County Raceway.

Things didn't start off so good for Mairose when the competition left without him on the dead-engine start. "My old Yamaha usually started in neutral and then I'd put it in gear and go," explained Mairose. "This time I was doing practice starts with it in gear and it was working fine, and then on the start I just let the clutch out too early before I had the revs up and stalled it. It took four or five kicks to get it started."

Greg Andrew didn't have any problems off the start as he grabbed the lead over first-time Intermediate rider Brent Gilliam. For the first 15 minutes of the 45-minute race, the two Suzuki riders were glued together, with Gilliam unable to find his way into the lead and Andrew unable to pull away.

At about the 20-minute mark, lappers started to become a factor. Andrew was able to use them to his advantage as he slowly started to slip away from Gilliam. Gilliam was able to keep Andrew in sight for another 10 minutes before his seat loosened up and fell off. Standing up around the entire sandy LACR track took its toll on Gilliam, and Mairose got around him for second place and set out after Andrew. Mairose was able to reduce Andrew's lead to almost nothing over the next couple of laps, and when the white flag came out, he was ready to make the pass.

"After going through the big whoop section, I got right next to him (Andrew), and he was going around the outside in the next turn and tried to get back underneath and slid out. He gave up after that," said the Dick Allen Yamaha-Honda-KTM/Bieffe/Noleen-sponsored Mairose after collecting the win. Andrew came across to finish second, ahead of a worn-out Gilliam.

Results

P/W BEG: 1. Marcus Carrillo (Lem).
P/W YAM: 1. Mikey Garcia (Yam).
S/STK (7-9): 1. Ken Slater (Cob).
60 (0-8): 1. Steven Hall (Kaw); 2. Douglas Carter (Kaw); 3. Timmy Ritzler (Kaw).
60 (9-11): 1. Garrett Norr (Hon); 2. Randall Hall (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Mike Epstein (Hon); 2. Kevin Williams (Yam); 3. Jim Akrey (Yam); 4. Nick Sweany (Yam); 5. Brennan McGlimmis (Suz).
80 (7-11): 1. Anthony Barbacovi (Yam); 2. Dave Carter (Kaw); 3. Troy Tittlemier (Hon); 4. Bruce Wilkinson (Hon).
80 (12-13): 1. Scott Howe (Yam); 2. Chris Norr (Suz); 3. David DeLucia (Yam); 4. Nicholas Burson (Kaw); 5. Miles Buck (Suz).
80 (14-16): 1. Johner Faulkner (Hon); 2. Mike Perez (Yam).
B/W: 1. Dustin Bradley (Kaw).
125 BEG: 1. Jeff Ramboldt (Hon); 2. Jay Lewis (Suz); 3. Troy Tomerlin (Hon); 4. Kyle Kelly (Yam); 5. Jake Chandler (Suz).
125 NOV: 1. Donnie Durrer (Suz); 2. Scott Minster (Suz); 3. Chaz Smith (Yam); 4. Deuce Rutledge (Hon); 5. Josh Hall (Yam).
125 INT: 1. Nick Mairose (KTM); 2. Greg Andrew (Suz); 3. Brent Gilliam (Suz).
250 BEG: 1. Jason Cave (Kaw); 2. Christopher Leiker (Hon).
250 NOV: 1. Jason Trubey (Kaw); 2. Dylan Baca (Kaw); 3. Mark Fields (Yam); 4. John Dean (Suz).
250 INT: 1. Richard Bunch (Hon); 2. Matt Bryan (Yam).
250 PRO: 1. Bill Sauro (Kaw).
500 NOV: 1. Darren Staffer (Hon); 2. Tim McNulty (Hon); 3. Dave MacPherson (Hon); 4. Mark McClain (Kaw).
500 INT: 1. Willie Phee (Hon).
JR VET BEG: 1. Brian McEvoy (Hon); 2. Gary Guercio (Hon); 3. David Rasmussen (Suz); 4. Shy Moshe (Suz); 5. Marilyn Miller (Kaw).
JR VET NOV: 1. Dennis Urban (Suz); 2. Ernie Diaz (Hon); 3. Assaf Alush (Hon); 4. Frank Catuogna (Hon); 5. Steve Wilbanks (Suz).
JR VET INT: 1. Kevin Jackson (Hon); 2. Brad Pietro (Suz).
JR VET EX: 1. Bill Sauro (Kaw).
VET BEG: 1. Ray Ritzler (Kaw); 2. Gary Guercio (Hon); 3. Kevin Akrey (Kaw); 4. Don Richards (Yam).
VET NOV: 1. Steve Moreno (Hon); 2. Joe Villegas (Hon); 3. Russ McAfee (Hon); 4. Steve Walker (Hon); 5. Sean Haworth (Yam).
VET INT: 1. Edwardo Trippo (Hon); 2. Randy Wilkins (Suz); 3. Chris Leiker (Hon).
VET EX-PRO: 1. Tim Telford (Hon); 2. Tod Sciacqua (Kaw); 3. Jimmy Roberts (Kaw).
SR AM: 1. Bob Dunham (Yam); 2. Larry Williams (Hon); 3. Frank Akrey (Kaw); 4. Chris Cumbo (Yam).
SR EX: 1. Steve Clark (Suz); 2. Randy Anderson (Yam); 3. Gary Egloff (Hon).
O/T JR VET: 1. Larry Williams (Hon); 2. Martin Firestone (Hon).
O/T NOV: 1. Fred Kalmick (Kaw); 2. John Webb (Hon); 3. Bob Klatt (Hon); 4. Steve Popjoy (Kaw); 5. Bill Weltman (Hon).
O/T AM: 1. Bob Breach (Yam); 2. Richard Bealer (Yam); 3. Scott Pelkey (Hon); 4. Charles Watanabe (Hon); 5. Richard Lyons (Hon).
O/T MSTR A: 1. Edwardo Trippo (Hon); 2. Scott Freeman (Hon); 3. Steve Clark (Suz).
O/T MSTR B: 1. Mike Chesbro (Hon); 2. Gary Willison (Kaw); 3. Jack Roten; 4. Norm Schiel (Hon).
O/T EX: 1. Bob Sherred (Hon); 2. Bob Lucas (Hon); 3. Scott McDonall (Hon).
VINT: 1. Gary Egloff (Mai).

Team Race
BEG: 1. Jeff Mathews/James Morgaridge; 2. Trevor Williams/Cameron Davidson.
NOV: 1. Bob Gunter/Clarence Abbott; 2. Brad Thorn/Travis Jones; 3. Toni Barranti/Andre Brandes; 4. Bob Dunham/Sean Ireland; 5. Harold Smith/Charlie Pridgen.
PRO: 1. Tod Sciacqua/Bill Sauro.

Iron Man
NOV: 1. Sean Haworth; 2. Richard Hernandez; 3. Bret Leef.
INT: 1. Ronnie Densford; 2. George LaMonte; 3. Russ Piggott.

Knight smokes at West Florida MX

By Neal R. Thomas

MILTON, FL, OCT. 18
Kevin Knight came through with an authoritative double-moto sweep of the Open Money class at the West Florida MX Park.

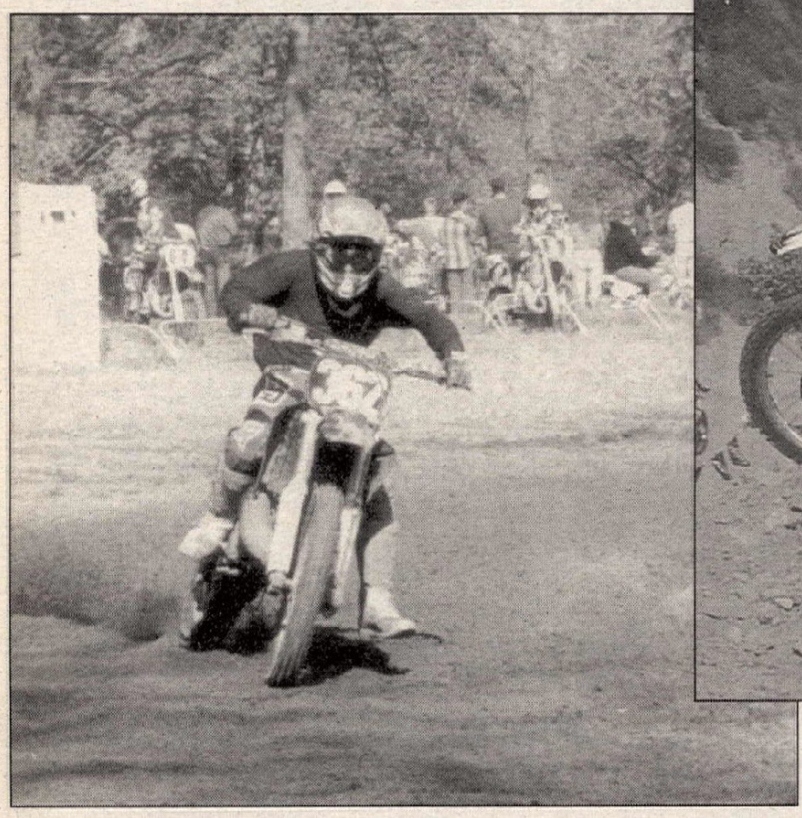
The first moto was not exactly uneventful, but the action was all behind Knight as he took the holeshot, built up a small cushion and took the win. Randy Jernigan rode a borrowed bike to some increasingly lower lap times that had him closing on Knight at the end, but to no avail. Jernigan ended up second and wanting revenge in the second moto. Consistent front-runner and determined hard-charger Ronnie Ramical finished third after passing Brian Young very early in the moto and finally squeezing by tough customer Ed Kiley. Fourth and fifth went to 125cc pilots Daniel Young and his little brother Brian, but only after a tense battle of their own.

The second moto produced more action up front, because Jernigan looked more accustomed to his borrowed Honda - and he clearly does not like to finish in second place. However, Knight again pulled off a hairy, high-speed holeshot and streaked out to open another lead. Jernigan was ready for a fight and put his head down to challenge Knight several times during the moto. Knight retaliated with severe lean angles in the berms, gassing it sooner and riding the inside lines better than his competition.

Jernigan was insistent and continued to knock on the door, looking for a way around Knight, who finally made a very uncharacteristic miscue in a turn that let Jernigan get right on his backside. Knight then almost went down on a long tabletop jump and really had to fight hard to keep the lead. The predator in Jernigan came on strong at that point and edged past Knight in the turn after the large step-up jump. Unimpressed, Knight recovered, found his rhythm, and put a very authoritative block on Jernigan to reclaim first. Ramical was on cruise control all alone in third in the closing laps of the moto, while Daniel and Brian Young were repeating the sibling rivalry they had started in the first moto. Knight took the checkered flag, followed by Jernigan, Ramical, Daniel Young and Brian Young.

Results

P/W B: 1. Robbie Black (KTM); 2. Seth Bell (KTM); 3. Brian DeVillo (KTM).
P/W C: 1. Amber Kibler (KTM); 2. Cody Griggers; 3. Lacie DeVillo (Cob); 4. Patrick Buell (Hon).
P/W D: 1. Brandon Fritz (KTM); 2. Cody Harris (KTM); 3. Kaisey Boutwell (Cob); 4. Jeremy Metler (KTM); 5. Aleck Kibler (Yam).
JR MINI: 1. Cole Boutwell (Kaw); 2. Kevin Quinn (Kaw).
JR MINI BEG: 1. Jonathan Yates (Kaw); 2. Jeremy Cowart (Kaw); 3. Richard Hanaman (Kaw); 4. Skyler Woolard (Kaw).
80 B: 1. Jim Koloso (Hon).
80 C: 1. Jerry Burton (Hon); 2. Justin Metterville (Kaw); 3. Gannon Baxter (Kaw); 4. Clayton Arnold (Hon).
80 D: 1. Cole Boutwell (Kaw); 2. Mitchell Rodriguez (Hon); 3. Chris Tomley (Yam); 4. Stephen Nye (Kaw); 5. Richard Hanneman (Kaw).
125 MNY: 1. Daniel Young (Yam); 2. Brian Young (Yam); 3. Ronnie Ramical (Hon); 4. Mike Ingham (Hon); 5. Brandon Tynes (KTM).
125 B. 1. Mike Ingham (Hon); 2. Derek Fore (Yam); 3. Troy Miller (Suz); 4. Hal Martin (Kaw).
125 C: 1. Stenning Murphy (Hon); 2. Curt Ward (Yam); 3. Trey Colley (Yam); 4. Marshall Rodriguez (Hon); 5. Justin Metterville (Kaw).
125 D: 1. Clay Downing; 2. Devin Danner (Suz); 3. Chris Balky (Yam); 4. Michael Sherrer (Kaw); 5. Jim McArthur (Kaw).
OPEN MNY: 1. Kevin Knight (Hon); 2. Randy Jernigan (KTM); 3. Ronnie Ramical (Kaw); 4. Daniel Young (Yam); 5. Brian Young (Yam).



(Far left) Craig Smith finished first in the Over 25 class and second in the Over 30 division at a Sandusky Valley Riders Club Motocross held in Tiffin, Ohio.
(Left) Glen Commans flew to the 500cc Open-class win at the first anniversary of the opening of Lemon Grove Cycle Park in Piru, California.

250 B: 1. Phillip Wilkinson (Kaw); 2. Scott Nolin (Kaw); 3. Johnny Kozain (Kaw); 4. Chuck Herbstreith (Yam).

250 C: Scott Tyler (Kaw); 2. Chan Senn (Kaw).

250 D: 1. Rodney Reed (Suz); 2. Troy Wiggins (Hon); 3. Billy Long (Kaw).

VET B: 1. Bob Riker (Kaw); 2. Keith Finch (Yam); 3. Troy Miller (Suz); 4. Tim Stokes (Kaw).

VET C: 1. Dana Barberi (H-D); 2. Neal Thomas (Hon); 3. Steve Metteer (Kaw); 4. Jason Gentry (Hon); 5. Harry Byrne (Hon).

HBBY: 1. Tony Hardy (Kaw); 2. Jamie Bunczek (Yam); 3. Marty Richards (Hon); 4. Rick Dunlap (Suz).

Smith sizzles at SVR MX

By Carl Davis

TIFFIN, OH, OCT. 19

Craig Smith shredded to double moto wins in the Over 25 class at the Sandusky Valley Riders Club on a beautiful October day. Yamaha-mounted Smith made the best of the season-ending MRA points race, making his trip from Grand Rapids, Ohio, pay off.

As the combined Over 25 class blasted off the line, Smith motored past local rider Matt Feasel, who had pulled a beautiful holeshot over the pack. Smith worked by Feasel and immediately started to open up a comfortable lead. Feasel dropped off the pace, allowing "007" Scott Donaldson into the second spot, where he would finish the moto. Cy Held took third.

In moto two, Smith gated perfectly and cruised to an easy win. Feasel rode stronger in moto two, holding off Donaldson and Held to take third overall, while Donaldson took second overall behind Smith.

Smith fought tooth and nail in the Over 30 class as he battled perennial veteran Steve Holland in both motos. The duo jammed around the mostly-natural-terrain SVR circuit, with Smith riding brilliantly, leading both motos before being overtaken by the hard-charging Holland.

The largest class of the day was the 125cc Novice division, where Brad Hohenbrink zapped the competition. Hohenbrink fought off Santiago Martinez and Kevin Sleek in moto one and battled Martinez and Doug Beardsley in moto two to secure the win. Martinez rode consistently to take the runner-up spot, with Kable Derrow taking third overall.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Kyle Straube (Yam); 2. Corbin Saum (Yam); 3. Justin Flogaus (KTM).

50 (7-8): 1. Tony Perry (Hon); 2. Ryan Gruenberg (Yam); 3. Kyle Simone (Hon).

50 SUP (4-6): 1. Garrett Daugherty (Cob); 2. Anthony Foust (Lem); 3. Justin Flogaus (KTM).

50 SUP (7-8): 1. Kyle McConnell (Cob); 2. Broc Peterson (Kaw); 3. Damon Bauer (Lem).

80 P/W: 1. Kyle Kaylor (Yam); 2. Michael Kuderik (Yam); 3. Jacob Szych (Yam).

60 (7-11): 1. Michael Willard (Kaw); 2. Craig Thomas (Kaw); 3. Kyle McConnell (Cob).

85 BEG: 1. Kevin Storai (Kaw); 2. Arty Stuart (Yam); 3. Ryan Voegle (Yam).

85 NOV: 1. Broc Bauer (Hon); 2. Matthew Nuber (Yam); 3. Timmy Hollenbeck (Kaw).

85 EX: 1. Andy Willard (Suz); 2. Michael Willard (Kaw); 3. Mike Suman (Hon).

125 JR: 1. Ryan Lutz (Hon); 2. Gabriel Stahl (Suz); 3. Andy Willard (Suz).

125 BEG: 1. David Urie (Hon); 2. Jordan Tilton (Yam); 3. Scott Shane (Hon).

125 NOV: 1. Brad Hohenbrink (Kaw); 2. Santiago Martinez (Yam); 3. Kable Derrow (Kaw).

125 INT: 1. Matt Ray (Yam); 2. Jon Suman (Hon); 3. Tony Robinson (Kaw).

250 BEG: 1. Paul Kennedy (Yam); 2. Pete Alexander (Hon); 3. John Cather (Kaw).

250 NOV: 1. Aaron Darnell (Hon); 2. James Cullen (Yam); 3. Bob Hadley (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Michael Turi (Hon); 2. Cy Held (Hon); 3. Cory Gamertsfelder (Hon).

125/250 EX: 1. Jake Davis (Hon); 2. Ryan Lutz (Hon); 3. Ian Hammond (Suz).

16-24: 1. John Suman (Hon); 2. Matt Ray (Yam); 3. Marcus Biggs (Yam).

25+: 1. Craig Smith (Yam); 2. Scott Donaldson (Hon); 3. Matthew Feasel (Kaw).

30+: 1. Steve Holland (Suz); 2. Craig Smith (Yam); 3. Bill Slader (Suz).

35+: 1. Steve Holland (Suz); 2. Barry Mayo (KTM); 3. Doug Beardsley (Yam).

40+: 1. Barry Mayo (KTM); 2. Robert Mason (Yam); 3. Byron Cooley (Yam).

45+: 1. Barry Mayo (KTM); 2. Stan Courtad (Hon); 3. Eric Carlson (Hon).

VINT 89: 1. Jeff Carlson (Hon); 2. Neil Carlson (Hon).

Sullins goes big at Lemon Grove MX

By Tony Alessi

PIRU, CA, OCT. 11

David Sullins had a memorable 125cc debut by scoring the victory in the 125cc Beginner class during the first anniversary of the opening of Lemon Grove Cycle Park.

Track promoter Craig Lynch did some celebrating himself by giving cash paybacks to the winners of each class, ranging from the 50cc division to the Over 40 class. "It's been a lot of work this last year," Lynch said. "I have devoted all my time, money and energy to this project, and things are starting to come around - and we still have big plans for more improvements in the future."

Sullins' debut in the 125cc Beginner class was nothing short of a total success as he swept both motos of competition and built up insurmountable leads during each moto. Jason Monohan was the second-place finisher in both motos, while Ken Brymer, Scott Magdaleno and Dan Simmiman rounded out the top five.

Sullins returned to race the 80cc Novice class later in the day but, ironically, found the racing more difficult. Sullins battled with Team Green rider Mike Alessi in both motos but came up short each time as the 9-year-old posted both moto wins. Bobby Langin had a solid ride for third and also competed later in the day in the mini four-stroke event, finishing in the top five.

Jimmy Soliz, who is a former BMX National Champion, scored the gold in the 80cc Beginner class with a 2-1 finish, topping Steven Hoyle's 1-2 and Evan Wilholm's 3-3. Soliz, who doesn't race often, found the new Lemon Grove Race Track to be fun and challenging, and celebrated his first-ever 80cc victory by performing a one-handed nac-nac at the finish line.

Glenn Commans and Bobby Langin battled closely in the 500cc Open class. Commans chased down and pressured Langin in the first moto, causing Langin to crash in the upper level of the racecourse. Commans went on to an undisputed victory, while Langin picked himself up and charged back to second, in front of Darren Stoffar and Jean Meynet.

The second moto saw Commans and Langin perform a repeat of the first race, with Commans proving to have a sharper edge by posting the moto and overall win.

Results

50 STK: 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM): 2. Myles Nall (Cob); 3. Riley Harper (KTM); 4. Nathan Search (KTM); 5. Lance Coury (KTM).

50 MOD: 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM): 2. Jason Endo (Lem); 3. Dustin Davis (Lem).

60 OPEN: 1. Mike Alessi (Kaw); 2. Riley Harper (Kaw); 3. Chad Herbert (Kaw); 4. Colton James (Kaw); 5. Jeff Alessi (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Jimmy Soliz (Yam); 2. Steven Hoyle (Yam); 3. Evan Wilhelm (Kaw); 4. Kasey Morris (Kaw).

80 NOV: 1. Mike Alessi (Kaw); 2. David Sullen (Yam); 3. Bobby Langin (Hon).

80 INT: 1. Jason Terry (Yam); 2. Vince Rhoads (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. David Sullen (Yam); 2. Jason Monohan (Kaw); 3. Kenneth Brymer (Yam); 4. Scott Magdaleno (Kaw).

125 INT: 1. Nick Scott (Suz); 2. Terry Gastouniotis (Yam).

500 OPEN: 1. Glenn Commans (Hon); 2. Bobby Langin (Hus); 3. Darren Staffer (Hon); 4. Jean Meynet (Kaw); 5. Matt Garrett (Hon).

25+ INT: 1. Terry Gastouniotis (Yam).

30+ NOV: 1. Tom Harper (Kaw); 2. David Fontes (Yam); 3. Bill Kolkman (Yam).

30+ INT: 1. Brian Hill (Yam).

VET BEG: 1. George Salazar (Kaw); 2. Jean Meynet (Kaw); 3. Rocky Hash (Hon); 4. Tom Alspaugh (Yam); 5. Armando Aguilar (Kaw).

SR VET BEG: 1. Matt Marden (KTM); 2. Mark Martin (Kaw); 3. Steve Dunham (Suz).

WMN: 1. Amy Link (Suz).

Thomas rocks at Ocala MX

By Kyle Myers

OCALA, FL, OCT. 19

Just over 400 riders competed in round four of the Worldsports Gold Cup Series, held at the Florida Motosports Complex, and Jason Thomas used a 2-1 tally to win the Pro division.

In the first Pro moto, Thomas led the 10-rider field into turn one, with Ezra Lusk, Cliff Cook, Adrian Cantero and Jarrett Tipping following. Tipping and Paul Currie slipped by Cantero on the opening circuit as Thomas and Lusk began to pull away from the pack. Lusk, on his new factory Honda, pressured Thomas for the point for two laps until motoring by on an uphill. Once into the lead, Lusk pulled away for the moto win as Currie, riding the only 125 machine, motored by Tipping and Cook for the third spot with two laps to go. Lusk sailed across the finish line to score his first win on the CR, ahead of Thomas, Currie and Tipping, who passed Cook on the final lap for fourth.

Lusk rocketed out of the gate to start moto two with Thomas, Cook, Tipping and Currie trailing behind. Moto XXX-backed Currie quickly passed Tipping and Cook halfway into the first circuit as Lusk began to check out from the other racers. His lead was short-lived, though, when he got a flat tire on the hard-packed track. With Lusk out, Currie railed a berm and shot past Thomas for the lead. Currie then started to open up a lead until he hit the dirt, letting Thomas back into the lead. Currie quickly remounted in fourth, behind Cook and Tipping, and passed them both within a lap. Thomas was the first to the flag for the moto and overall win, with Currie not far behind in the runner-up spot. California rider Cook claimed third, with Tipping and Ronnie Renner rounding out the top five places.

Currie later returned to top both 125cc A motos. BSY's Tyson Hadsell and HSKS-backed Ryan Davis were the only double class winners. Hadsell won all four motos in the 125cc Youth and 125cc B divisions, and Davis won all four motos in the 80cc (14-15) and Supermini races.

Results

P/W 1: 1. Coten Maynard (Cob); 2. Karel Benoit (Lem); 3. Nick Dicuia (Cob); 4. Ashley Vickery (Cob); 5. Brandon Gardner (Act).

P/W 2: 1. T.J. Rhonelli (Cob); 2. Kyle Keylon (Cob); 3. Dan Weyer (Cob); 4. Colton Winebrenner (Cob); 5. Mike Nicolini (Cob).

60 (7-11): 1. Bryan Johnson (Kaw); 2. Kyle Chisholm (Kaw); 3. Bobby Lucroy (Kaw); 4. Kaven Benoit (Kaw); 5. Chris Haack (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Shane Lusk (Hon); 2. Dan Truman (Kaw); 3. Bryan Johnson (Suz); 4. Zack Lundy (Hon); 5. Dale Kump (Hon).

80 (12-13): 1. Troy Adams (Yam); 2. Brian Gray (Yam); 3. Quinton Bigaloe (Yam); 4. Jesse Richards (Yam); 5. Corey Fink (Yam).

80 (14-15): 1. Ryan Davis (Kaw); 2. Josh Faustino (Suz); 3. Derrick Stearns (Hon); 4. Brandon Butler (Hon); 5. Butch Fowler (Suz).

S/MINI 1: 1. Tyson Hadsell (Yam): 2. Tom Parsons (Kaw); 3. Matt Johnson (Hon); 4. Paul Reilly (Yam); 5. Ray Loggin (Hon).

S/MINI 2: 1. Ryan Davis (Kaw); 2. Dan Truman (Kaw); 3. Troy Adams (Yam); 4. Brian Gray (Yam); 5. Josh Faustino (Suz).

125 A: 1. Paul Currie (Kaw); 2. Darren McElhatten (Yam); 3. Marcus Pedrero (Suz); 4. Jarrett Tipping (Suz); 5. Cliff Cook (Suz).

125 B: 1. Tyson Hadsell (Yam); 2. Jason Peres (Suz); 3. Jeremy Shuttleworth (Suz); 4. Andrei Boloni (Suz); 5. Tim Bantle (Suz).

125 C: 1. Matt Johnson (Hon); 2. Tom Parsons (Kaw); 3. Jason Smith (Suz); 4. Robin Hall (Yam); 5. Greg Berteaux (Hon).

250 A: 1. Jarrett Tipping (Suz); 2. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 3. John Fesler (Suz); 4. Darren McElhatten (Yam); 5. Adrian Cantero (Hon).

250 B: 1. Jeremy Shuttleworth (Suz); 2. Forrest Butler (Hon); 3. Buddy Duffy (Yam); 4. Steve Dumond (Yam); 5. J.D. Holmes (Hon).

250 C: 1. Brad Ruel (Yam); 2. Tom Ackerman (Kaw); 3. Don Schmelyun (Yam); 4. Don Marshall (Kaw); 5. Pat Caiazza (Kaw).

16-24: 1. Adrian Cantero (Hon); 2. Forrest Butler (Hon); 3. James Joiner (Yam); 4. Mike Brillinger (Hon); 5. Jason Peres (Suz).

25+: 1. Jeff Lampe (Suz); 2. Marcus Pedrero (Suz); 3. Mark Beamer (Kaw); 4. Mike Lampe (Suz); 5. Lee McIlvaine (Yam).

30+: 1. Mark Beamer (Kaw); 2. John Lundy (Hon); 3. Rick Perry (Yam); 4. Billy Wood (Yam); 5. Flip Page (Yam).

35+: 1. Tim Eggers (Suz); 2. Rick Perry (Yam); 3. Flip Page (Yam); 4. Dell Miller (Hon); 5. Willis Brock (Suz).

40+: 1. David Ellis (Hon); 2. Eric Harvey (Yam); 3. Jeff Hughes (Kaw); 4. Tom Fogg (Yam); 5. Tom Bragg (Hus).

50+: 1. Tom Bragg (Hus); 2. Tom Fogg (Yam); 3. John Raulerson (Hon); 4. Paul Lesson (Mai); 5. Doug Hammond (Yam).

OPEN NOV: 1. Mike Bragg (Hon); 2. Mike Delano (Hon); 3. John Gillespie (Hon); 4. Ron Crews (Kaw); 5. Marc White (Hon).

PRO: 1. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 2. Paul Currie (Kaw); 3. Cliff Cook (Suz); 4. Jarrett Tipping (Suz); 5. Ronnie Renner (KTM).

Champs crowned at SVCC Short Track

By Brad Letcher

SIOUX FALLS, SD, SEPT. 27

Dusty Faulds came out on top as the 1997 point champions were crowned during the last night of racing for the year at Saddleback Racepark. Faulds took the championships in the 250cc Pro and Pro TT classes, while Bob Anderson found himself above the competition in the Open Pro class.

The Pro-class main events began when the Open Pro TT riders lined up. Midwest Line-X/Welter Funeral Home/Palace Motosports-backed Honda rider Brad Letcher spent the intermission proposing to his girlfriend, Kristi, and wanted to top the evening with a main-event win. When the green flag dropped, Letcher rocketed to the lead, ahead of Faulds and C.J. Beving. Letcher's lead grew as Faulds and Beving battled side by side through the infield section. Faulds secured the advantage and then tried to reel in Letcher. By the halfway mark, Letcher had stretched the advantage to a straightaway by use of a good infield line. The leader began pacing himself as the ever-determined Beving used a burst of speed off the jump to set up a pass on Faulds in the next right-hander. Beving pulled away from Faulds in third place and began to reel in Letcher. Letcher took an ecstatic victory with the front wheel lofted high at the finish. With congratulations from second-place finisher Beving, Letcher topped the night with a Polish victory lap. A fan exclaimed, "He just had to get that ring out of his pocket!"

And if you were wondering, the answer was "Yes."

The 250cc Pro class lined up with late-season rider Sheldon Wenz and points champion Faulds next to each other. The quick-starting Letcher nailed his second holeshot of the evening, with Faulds, Wenz and Beving in tow. Letcher held off Jon's Amoco-backed Faulds for nearly two laps before losing the lead. Two laps later, Wenz found the low line to his liking and took over second place. A four-rider battle raged on for several laps before race leader Faulds and Wenz touched in turn three, setting up a side-by-side battle. Wenz secured the lead with two to go as Letcher and Beving battled for third. Faulds would not give up easily, and he tried every line on the track trying to get back past Wenz. Wenz held tough and took another 250cc Pro-class win, with Faulds shadowing him in second. Letcher held third and Beving fourth.

Results

MINI 50 A: 1. Cody Gilmore (Cob).

MINI 50 AA: 1. Kolby Harshfield (Yam); 2. Jeremiah Feigen (Yam); 3. Greg Norquist (Yam); 4. Brady Reinke (Hon); 5. Taylor Bissel (Hon).

MINI 60: 1. Michael Miller (Kaw); 2. Justis Lund (Kaw); 3. Cody Gilmore (Kaw); 4. Nick Buol (Kaw); 5. Tony Bissel (Kaw).

MINI 80: 1. Ryan Deighton (Hon); 2. Brandon Miller (Kaw); 3. Steve Miller (Hon); 4. Danielle Beving (Kaw); 5. Gerod Olivier (Kaw).

SM ENG: 1. Ryan Deighton (Hon); 2. Jason Schuldts (Hon); 3. Adam Sylvester (Yam); 4. Danielle Beving (Kaw).

250 A: 1. Rick Dougherty (Hon); 2. Adam Sylvester (Yam); 3. Jerry Zohfeld (Yam).

250 PRO: 1. Sheldon Wenz (Suz); 2. Dusty Faulds (Hon); 3. Brad Letcher (Hon); 4. C.J. Beving (Kaw).

OPEN A: 1. Dennis Melcher (Yam); 2. Verlon Langland (Hon); 3. Jon Faulds (Hon); 4. Charlie Langland (Hon); 5. Chuck Beving (Hon).

OPEN A TT: 1. Dave Steichen (Hon); 2. Verlon Langland (Hon); 3. Todd Dougherty (Hon); 4. Chris Houlihan (Yam).

OPEN PRO: 1. Sheldon Wenz (Suz); 2. Mark Fodness (Hon); 3. Dusty Faulds (Hon); 4. C.J. Beving (Hon); 5. Pete Tapken (Hon).

OPEN PRO TT: 1. Brad Letcher (Hon); 2. C.J. Beving (Kaw); 3. Dusty Faulds (Hon).

VINT: 1. Dennis Melcher (Oss); 2. Bill Hermann (Yam); 3. Jerry Zohfeld (Yam).

Reynolds wins opening battle at Sublime HS

By Lynn Bailey

SUBLIME, TX, OCT. 19

Kawasaki-mounted Bert Reynolds served notice by winning the AA class at the opening round of the 1998 AMA Texas Championship Hare Scrambles Series that he will be a force to be reckoned with. After a mediocre start, Reynolds steadily picked his way through the very talented AA class and eventually crossed the finish line 40 seconds ahead of Shaun Martin.

Prior heavy rains forced the hosting Trail Riders of Houston club to create several course changes before the event, but beautiful Texas autumn weather provided perfect traction for the 169-rider field, with loamy berm grass tracks, fun wood sections and a gnarly, rocky creek bottom that provided excellent spectator entertainment on the 6.5-mile course.

Meanwhile, in the Overall A battle, Honda of Houston rider Lynn Bailey and Al Cravens traded paint for the first two laps before a wild get-off by Cravens allowed Bailey to gain a lead that he would never relinquish. Closely following Cravens into the finish was two-time ISDE rider Manny Garza on his XR600.

In the chase for the Overall B Championship, Mike Spohn, moving up after earning last year's Overall C Championship, staked his claim early and looked to be firmly in charge. But halfway through the two-hour-plus-one-lap race, Troy Barrows, Joshua Laurence, Justin Goertz, Brad Thompson and Tom Grantham made their charge after Spohn. After some close racing, Grantham pulled clear and emerged with a one-minute cushion and the Overall B trophy.

The morning program, which includes all C, Women, Over 40 B and Over 50 classes, fired off on schedule with last year's Women's champion, Lacy Thompson, shocking the field with a fourth-place finish in the 21 rider 250cc C class. Nothing could stop Russell Gouricy, though, from claiming the Overall C honors. Returning 60cc champion Martin Howell edged out hard-charging Austin Jones and Daniel Grice in the 45-minute 60cc race.

Results

AA: 1. Bert Reynolds (Kaw); 2. Shaun Martin (Hon); 3. Clifford Goeriz (KTM).

O/A A: Lynn Bailey (Hon).

O/A B: Tom Grantham (Hon).

O/A C: Russell Gourley (Hon).

50: 1. Chad Goertz (Yam); 2. Derek Osborn (KTM).

60: 1. Martin Howell (Kaw); 2. Austin Jones (Kaw); 3. Daniel Grice (Kaw).

80: 1. Jason Jones (Suz).

200 A: 1. Duggan Hertzog (Kaw); 2. Tom Senesac (Kaw); 3. Chris Fournet (Kaw); 4. Matt Landrum (Kaw).

200 B: 1. Jimmy White (Hon); 2. Brent Jones (Kaw); 3. Mike Villemarette (Kaw); 4. Travis Villarreal (Kaw); 5. Cliff Martin (Kaw).

200 C: 1. Chris Williams (KTM); 2. Louie Paganucci (Kaw); 3. Nathan Frerich (Suz); 4. Mike Sechrist (Hon); 5. David Hancock (Yam).

250-OPEN A: 1. Drew Dunbar (KTM); 2. Al Anselmo (Hon).

250-OPEN B: 1. Justin Goertz (Hon); 2. Mike Spohn (Suz); 3. Greg Nicholson (Suz); 4. Andrew Trousdale (KTM); 5. Troy Barrows (Hon).

OPEN C: 1. Mike Armstrong (Hon); 2. Scott Jasmer (Hon); 3. Kenyon Courtney (Hon); 4. Lacy Thompson (Hon); 5. Daniel Hill (Kaw).

EX A: 1. Al Cravens (Suz); 2. Manny Garza (Hon); 3. Brian Holmes (Kaw); 4. Craig Chedsey (Hon); 5. Pat Hohman (Hon).

JR: 1. Michael Carlton (Hon); 2. Trey Chote (Kaw); 3. David Turnage (Kaw); 4. Josh Herzing (Kaw); 5. Drew Blair (Kaw).

30+ A: 1. Joey Hardin (Kaw); 2. Jeff Wilson (Yam); 3. Andy Wright (Hon); 4. Bubba Yarberry (Kaw); 5. Mike Schumann (KTM).

30+ B: 1. Brad Thompson (Hon); 2. Keith Darrow (Hon); 3. Chris Wicker (Yam); 4. Michael Ursin (KTM); 5. Ace Burt (Kaw).

30+ C: 1. Lon Plumpton (Suz); 2. Brad Kendrick (Kaw); 3. Tony Costanzi (Kaw); 4. Tracy Spafford (Kaw); 5. Mark Strong (Suz).

40+ A: 1. Steve Wesleck (Hon); 2. Greg Clariday (KTM); 3. Dan Aitken (Yam); 4. Charles Laurence (Yam); 5. Rick Pitman (Hon).

40+ B: 1. Matt MacWilliams (Yam); 2. Douglas Kaiser (KTM); 3. Stuart Watson (Hon); 4. Bill Ferguson (Hon); 5. Doug Phenix (Hon).

40+ C: 1. Greg Christianson (Hon); 2. John Welch (KTM); 3. Mike Prokop Sr. (Hon); 4. Bobby Smith (Kaw); 5. Kevin Monohan (Hon).

50+ A: 1. Bobby Reynolds (KTM); 2. Chuck Hornsby (Yam); 3. Chris Hardy (KTM); 4. Travis Taylor (Kaw); 5. Larry White (Yam).

4-STRK A: 1. Glen Germer (Hon); 2. John Meskey (Hon); 3. Robert Mondshine (Hon).

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(Left, from left to right) Shawn McConnell, Brian Burch, Mike Faria, Bobby Schwartz, Randy DiFrancesco and Richard Jones pose with their awards at the annual Costa Mesa Speedway Awards Banquet. (Right) First Unlimited Amateur moto winner David Dunbar (7) works past Eric Cox (396) while trying to catch eventual class winner Kyle Richardson (14) at Devils Ridge MX in Sanford, North Carolina.

4-STRK B: 1. Steven Brink (Hon); 2. Brad Burnie (Hon); 3. John Carlton (Hon); 4. Lee Jordan (Hon); 5. Dan Cocking (Kaw).

SPTSMN: 1. Allen Harmon (Hon); 2. Shawn Lindemann (KTM); 3. Todd Witherton (Yam); 4. Brian Johnson (KTM); 5. Rod Kelley (Hon).

WMN: 1. Lorie Whitmire (Kaw); 2. Carol Jones (Hon); 3. Myra Blair (Kaw); 4. Laura Grice (Kaw); 5. Danielle Lindemann (Hon).

Faria and Jones honored at Speedway awards banquet

By Elaine Jones

RIVERSIDE, CA, OCT. 18

Don and Carrie Russell and Gary and Sandy Hicks opened their homes for what has become an annual event - the Costa Mesa Speedway Awards Barbecue. Families, friends and fans were treated to great food, swimming and good company as they got together to honor their own.

Mike Faria, who has had an awesome season, winning the National Championship for the third time, added the final jewel to his crown by picking up the High Point title in First Division. Shawn McConnell, Brad Oxley, Bobby Schwartz and Steve Lucero rounded out the top five.

In what Brad Oxley referred to as "the closest race he has seen in years," Richard Jones won the High Point Second Division title. Very close behind him were David Lynch, John DeFries, Johnny Walker and Randy Skinner.

Special awards went to Jesse Finch as the "Hard Luck" rider of the year. Finch was on the receiving end of a badly broken leg early in the season, and the injury may be career-ending. Brian Pappalardo, in his second year as a full-time First Division rider, was deemed "Best Sportsman." Steve Lucero, with his colorful style and outgoing manner, was named "Best Personality." Shawn McConnell, with his crazy riding style and with help from his "Mad Dog" clan, was dubbed "Best Showman." Brian Burch, who moved into First Division this year, came away with the "Most Improved" award. "Most Dedicated" was an easy choice, as Bobby Schwartz has proven time and time again what a tireless ambassador he is for speedway. The final award went to Randy DiFrancesco, who, in his first full season as a First Division rider, was always a key player when the mains rolled around, was second to Faria on the long track in Bakersfield, and was a force to be reckoned with at the qualifiers. He was an easy choice for "Rookie of the Year."

Two riders were inducted into a very elite club. Both Mike Faria and Shawn McConnell have been racing speedway for over 20 years. More importantly, they are still winning. They join Bobby Schwartz and Brad Oxley, who are also still competing and winning.

The final award went to a nonracer, but a very important person to speedway. For 25 years, Gary Hicks Sr. has been keeping things going in the pits on race night and is a very important reason that things run so smoothly in the pits. There was an added bonus, as it was also Gary's 50th birthday and his wife, Sandy, and his kids surprised him with a birthday cake.

Results

D-1: 1. Mike Faria; 2. Shawn McConnell; 3. Brad Oxley; 4. Bobby Schwartz; 5. Steve Lucero; 6. John Aden; 7. Rob Pfetzing; 8. Charlie Venegas; 9. Andy Northrup; 10. Gary Hicks Jr.

D-2: 1. Richard Jones; 2. David Lynch; 3. John DeFries; 4. Johnny Walker; 5. Randy Skinner.

Richardson and Bell take two at Devils Ridge MX

By Jay and Sharon Hauser

SANFORD, NC, OCT. 12

Just over 200 riders from six different states showed up to bid farewell to Devils Ridge MX for the season. It was a perfect day for racing, and Kyle Richardson picked up two class wins in the 250cc B and Unlimited Amateur classes. The track's last race of the year also served as the sixth round of the AMA District 29 fall series, bringing in a good mix of riders and great racing.

Richardson made sure there was no mistaking who was top dog in the 250cc B class, as he turned in a perfect set of moto rides to take the class win. Ryan Schafer made the trip up from South Carolina and ended his day second to Richardson with his 3-2 moto finishes. Wayne Guin put the first red bike in the top by taking the final podium position with a score of 2-4.

The racing was a little tougher in the Unlimited Amateur ranks, as Richardson was unable even to score a moto win in either outing of racing, but still took home the gold by way of his consistent second-place finishes in both motos. David Dunbar, riding a Honda CR250 out of Burgaw, North Carolina, took the first-moto win after a tight race for the lead, but moto two saw him playing catch-up the entire moto. Dunbar put in a strong effort but could only reach the second-placed bike of Richardson. The man on the move in the second Unlimited moto was Richardson's 250cc B-class competition, Schafer. After a dismal fifth-place ride in the first moto, Schafer scored a picture-perfect holeshot in moto two and didn't look back. The moto win was good enough to pull his overall score up to third, giving him two top-three rides for the day. Eric Cox and Jason Thomas both stayed in the top five in Unlimited racing and rounded out the top five in that order.

Derrick Bell has been kicking tail in the 80cc classes for many years now and has performed his trick of a four-moto sweep of the 85cc (12-15) and Supermini divisions at the Ridge on more than one occasion. Bell's total domination was fitting, according to one person who should know. "We're just waiting for his 125 to come in," Bell's mother said. "I get nervous because he's too tall for his 80s now."

Blake Hovis tried to keep Bell in his sights in what could be Bell's last rides on the small bike, but Hovis just could not match Bell's fast pace. The same fate awaited Zach Kutschenko as he, too, tried to stay with Bell - to no avail. Hovis took the runner-up spot to Bell in the 85cc (12-15) class, with Dennis West taking third, while Kutschenko was the bridesmaid in Supermini racing. West was Johnny-on-the-spot with his third-place rides as he stood on the podium in the Supermini class as well.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Taylor Futrell (Act); 2. D.J. Ellis (KTM); 3. Nicklaus Schmitt (Lem); 4. Colton Tickle (Yam); 5. Chad Gelbert (Yam).

50 (7-8): 1. Broc Tickle (Kaw); 2. Charles Holland (Kaw).

65 (7-9): 1. Josh Schmitt (Suz); 2. Thomas Hayes (Kaw); 3. Christopher Morris (Kaw); 4. Broc Tickle (Kaw); 5. Clay Willett (Kaw).

65 (10-11): 1. Isaiah Talbert (Yam).

85 (7-11): 1. Isaiah Talbert (Yam); 2. Matt Myers (Hon); 3. Josh Schmitt (Suz); 4. Charles Warwick (Kaw); 5. Thomas Hayses (Kaw).

85 (12-15): 1. Derrick Bell (Hon); 2. Blake Hovis (Hon); 2. Dennis West (Kaw) 4. Zach Kutschenko (Suz); 5. Ryan Burkett (Yam).

80 D: 1. Eric Hutton (Hon); 2. Nick Pass (Suz); 3. Auman Parrish (Hon); 4. Stuart Parks (Kaw); 5. Daniel Hurleu (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. Derrick Bell (Hon); 2. Zach Kutschenko (Suz); 3. Dennis West (Kaw); 4. Ryan Burkett (Yam); 5. Blake Hovis (Hon).

SCHBY: 1. Jason Laplante (Suz); 2. Justin Grubbs (Suz); 3. Brandon Langdon (Yam); 4. Ryan Hawkins (Yam); 5. Melvin Hardy (Hon).

125 A: 1. Chuck Green (Suz); 2. James Coy (Kaw); 3. Joe Haley (Hon); 4. David Cauthen (Suz).

125 B: 1. Jason Laplante (Suz).

125 C: 1. Tommy Basden (Hon); 2. Eric Cox (Yam); 3. Robbie Poole (Hon); 4. Justin Grubbs (Suz); 5. Brandon Langdon (Yam).

125 D: 1. Mark Hall (Kaw); 2. Ken Stancil (Hon); 3. Anthony Cazzone (Hon); 4. Michael Evers (Yam); 5. James Hagan (Suz).

250 A: 1. Chuck Shirley (Kaw); 2. Chuck Green (Suz); 3. David Cauthen (Suz).

250 B: 1. Kyle Richardson (Kaw); 2. Ryan Schafer (Yam); 3. Wayne Guin (Hon); 4. Jason Thomas (Yam); 5. Nelan McFarland (Kaw).

250 C: 1. Charles McKinney (Kaw); 2. Rocky King (Suz).

250 D: 1. Scott Tyson (Yam); 2. Robert Little (Hon); 3. Dewey Pruitt (Hon); 4. Brian Beanan (Kaw); 5. Anthony Pennisi (Hon).

25+ A: 1. Chuck Green (Suz); 2. James Coy (Kaw); 3. Sidney Williams (Kaw); 4. Tim Mantooth (Hon); 5. David Cauthen (Suz).

25+ B: 1. Sean Rakes (Hon); 2. Wayne Guin (Hon); 3. Brandon Williams (Hon); 4. Donnie Davis (Suz); 5. Nelan McFarland (Kaw).

25+ C: 1. Kyle Stover (Yam); 2. Michael Weeks (Suz); 3. Joe Chewing (Hon).

30+ A: 1. Sidney Williams (Kaw); 2. Thomas Perkins (Suz); 3. Tim Mantooth (Hon).

30+ B: 1. Todd Marshall (Hon); 2. Mark Hill (Kaw); 3. Donnie Davis (Suz); 4. Alex Croft (Suz); 5. Greg Smith (Hon).

30+ C: 1. Paige Caviness (Hon); 2. Troy Roberson (Kaw); 3. Steve Chambers (Kaw); 4. Larry Stephens (Kaw); 5. Tracy Baker (Kaw).

35+: 1. Darrell Bell (Hon); 2. Rick Catuccio (Hon); 3. Thomas Perkins (Suz); 4. Greg Bobka (Hon); 5. Richard Johanson (Hon).

40+: 1. Darrell Bell (Hon); 2. Richard Johanson (Hon); 3. Greg Bobka (Hon); 4. Auman Parrish (Hon); 5. Stuburger English (Hon).

U/L: 1. Kyle Richardson (Kaw); 2. David Dunbar (Hon); 3. Ryan Schafer (Yam); 4. Eric Cox (Yam); 5. Jason Thomas (Yam).

Kuchler twins duel at Delaware Motocross

By Rupert X. Pellett

DELAWARE, OH, OCT. 4-5

Not only are Westerville brothers Shaun and Scott Kuchler identical twins, the Honda-mounted siblings share similar go-fast riding styles and both enjoy a passion for winning. In the battle for the Schoolboy class at the Delaware MX Park, Scott's finishes gained him a one-point edge to take the overall over Shaun, while third overall went to Jason Wade.

Bub Thomas gained superiority over the Kuchlers in the 125cc B class, where Shaun and Scott finished second and third, respectively. In Sunday's daylong war between the twins, Scott reigned supreme, as the feisty brothers battled furiously in both the Schoolboy and 125cc B classes. Shaun finished second overall behind his brother, with Jason Wade taking third in the Schoolboy class.

Fostoria's Kyle McConnell was impressive in Sunday's 50cc (7-8) class, taking a hard-fought overall win over Brandon Borgen.

Results

Saturday

50 (4-6): 1. Tyler Bowers (Cob); 2. Kris Nelson (Cob); 3. Nathan Heskett (Cob); 4. Kyle Ferguson (Cob); 5. Corey Carr (Cob).

50 (7-8): 1. Brandon Borgen (Act); 2. Kyle McConnell (Cob); 3. Riley Wimer (KTM); 4. James Wilson (KTM).

65: 1. Joey Pellett (Kaw); 2. Kyle Preston (Kaw); 3. Matt McCabe (Kaw); 4. Mike Roberts (Kaw); 5. Matt Spaulding (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Kyle Preston (Hon); 2. Joey Pellett (Kaw); 3. Jared Grabiel (Suz); 4. Tim Hollenbeck (Hon); 5. Dillion Watkins (Suz).

80 (12-15): 1. Andy Willard (Suz); 2. Mike McCabe (Kaw); 3. A.J. Meade (Kaw); 4. Josh Joan (Kaw); 5. Crystal Williamson (Kaw).

125 PRO: 1. Craig Clements (Hon).

125 B: 1. Bub Thomas (Suz); 2. Shaun Kuchler (Hon); 3. Scott Kuchler (Hon); 4. Tony Robinson (Kaw); 5. Derrick McKinney (Kaw).

125 C: 1. Mike Arnold (Hon); 2. Dale Dunfee (Kaw); 3. Zak Trace (Kaw); 4. Tim Stump (Suz); 5. Greg Dillow (Hon).

SCHBY 125: 1. Scott Kuchler (Hon); 2. Shaun Kuchler (Hon); 3. Jason Wade (Suz); 4. Michael Arnold (Hon); 5. Josh Joan (Kaw).

250 PRO: 1. Craig Clements (Hon); 2. Patrick Thrall (Hon).

250 B: 1. Derrick McKinney (Kaw); 2. Josh Hamilton (Hon); 3. Jason Wade (Suz); 4. Jim Witteman (Hon); 5. Dave L. Cook (Yam).

250 C: 1. Bart Barok (Hon); 2. Scott Generke (Suz); 3. Greg Dillow (Hon); 4. Pete Hapner (Kaw); 5. Ronnie Cotterman (Kaw).

OPEN B: 1. Jim Witteman (Hon); 2. Larry Shumaker (Hon); 3. Mark McDaniel (Yam); 4. Gary Delph (Yam); 5. Dale Ringwald (KTM).

Sunday

50 (4-6): 1. Ty Bowers (Cob); 2. Ryan Ivers (Cob); 3. Kris Nelson (Cob); 4. Axl Moler (Cob); 5. Nathan Heskett (Cob).

50 (7-8): 1. Kyle McConnell (Cob); 2. Brandon Borgen (Act); 3. Justin Royce (Lem); 4. Wesley Jett (Cob); 5. Riley Wimer (KTM).

65: 1. Kyle Preston (Kaw); 2. Matt McCabe (Kaw); 3. Zach Ames (Kaw); 4. Jake Mohney (Kaw); 5. Carl Custard (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Kyle Preston (Hon); 2. Dillion Watkins (Suz); 3. Timmy Hollenbeck (Hon); 4. Jared Grabiel (Suz); 5. Zach Ames (Hon).

80 EXTRA: 1. Willy Browning (Yam); 2. Mike McCabe (Hon); 3. Nick Mowry (Hon); 4. A.J. Meade (Kaw); 5. Dillion Watkins (Suz).

125 B: 1. Scott Kuchler (Hon); 2. Shaun Kuchler (Hon); 3. Gregory Howell (Kaw); 4. Tony Robinson (Kaw); 5. David Rife (Kaw).

SCHBY 125: 1. Scott Kuchler (Hon); 2. Shaun Kuchler (Hon); 3. Jason Wade (Suz); 4. Josh Hamilton (Hon); 5. Chris Poland (Hon).

250 PRO: 1. Justin Story (Hon); 2. Pat Thrall (Hon).

250 B: 1. Jason Wade (Suz); 2. Marcus Biggs (Suz); 3. Brannon Kilbrager (Yam); 4. Derrick McKinney (Kaw); 5. Jim Witteman (Hon).

16-24: 1. Tony Robinson (Kaw); 2. Marcus Biggs (Suz); 3. Jeff Woolum (Kaw); 4. Benjamin Hood (Yam); 5. Matt Bores (Yam).

25+: 1. Justin Story (Hon); 2. Dave L. Cook (Yam); 3. Clair Story (Hon); 4. Gerry Bennett (Suz); 5. Richard E. Spangler Jr. (Kaw).

30+: 1. Clair Story (Hon); 2. Gerry Bennett (Suz); 3. Terry Barnes (Hon); 4. Greg Dillow (Hon); 5. Richard E. Custard Jr. (Hon).

40+: 1. Larry Shumaker (Hon); 2. Russell Powers (Hon); 3. Kevin Haydocy (Yam).

OPEN B: 1. Jim Witteman (Hon); 2. Larry Shumaker (Hon); 3. Dale Ringwald (KTM); 4. Gary Delph (Yam); 5. James Neville (Kaw).

District 7 flat-track season ends at Seaford Speedway

By Bruce Walls

MIDDLEFORD, DE, OCT. 25

Seaford Speedway hosted the final AMA District 7 flat-track points race of the season. Heading into the final race, only two points separated Over 40-class leader Bobby Babcock from second-placed Michael Keane, 94-92. Both riders were looking for that last victory, but as it turned out, neither rider got it.

Harley-mounted James Chapman hustled into the initial lead during the Over 40 main event, but as he and Babcock rounded turn three, Babcock briefly blasted to the front. After battling handlebar to handlebar for several laps, Chapman recaptured the top spot and took it to the checkered, as Babcock dropped to second - and had to fight Keane for that position. Babcock held off Keane for second, and the points championship, but Chapman was the man of the hour.

"I don't remember the pass," admitted Chapman. "I just tried to go on autopilot and hold my line."

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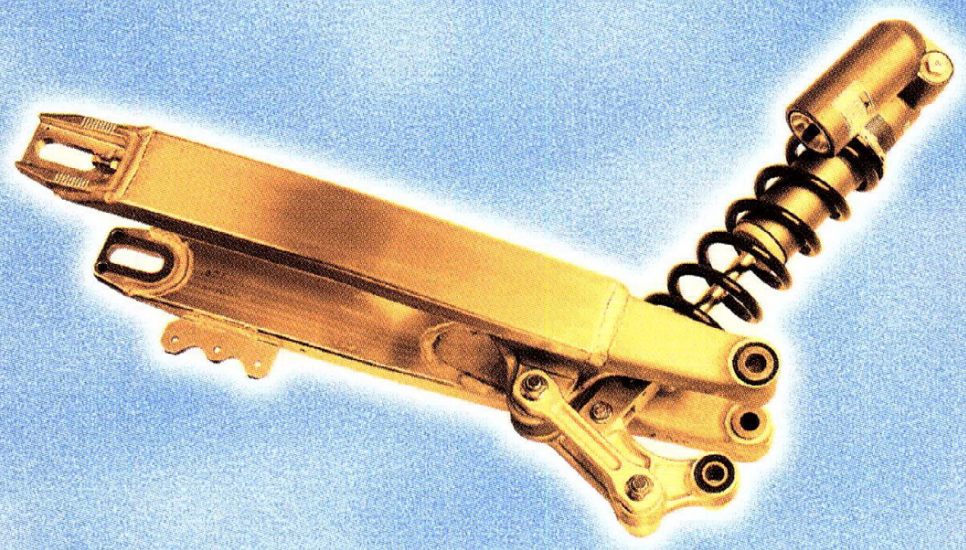

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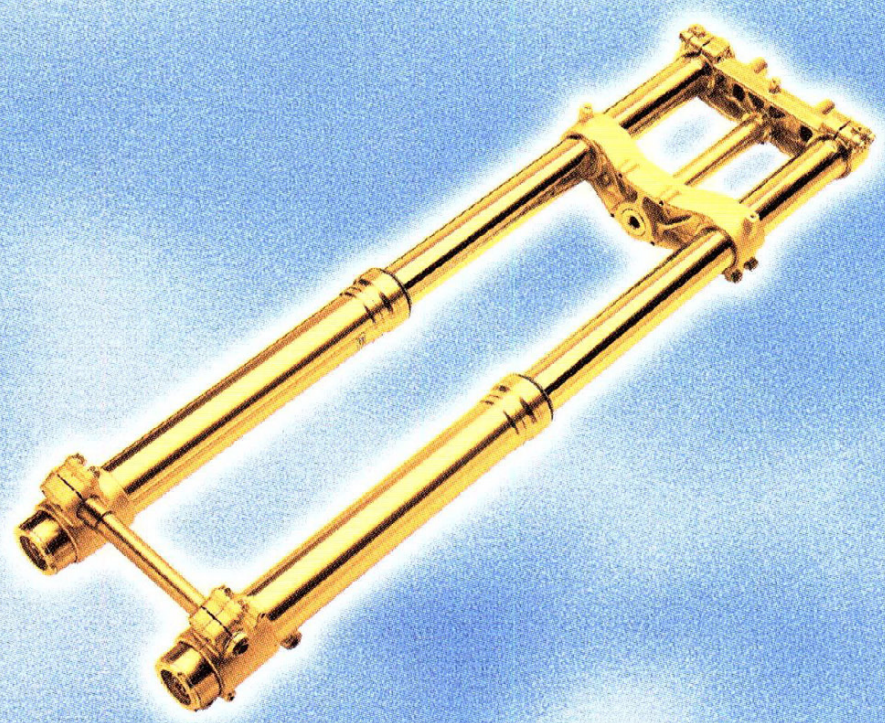

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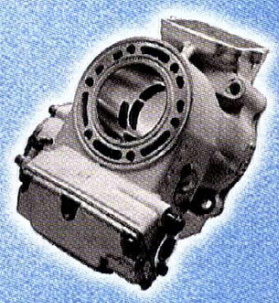

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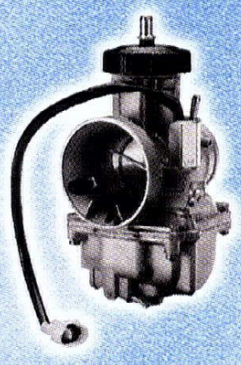

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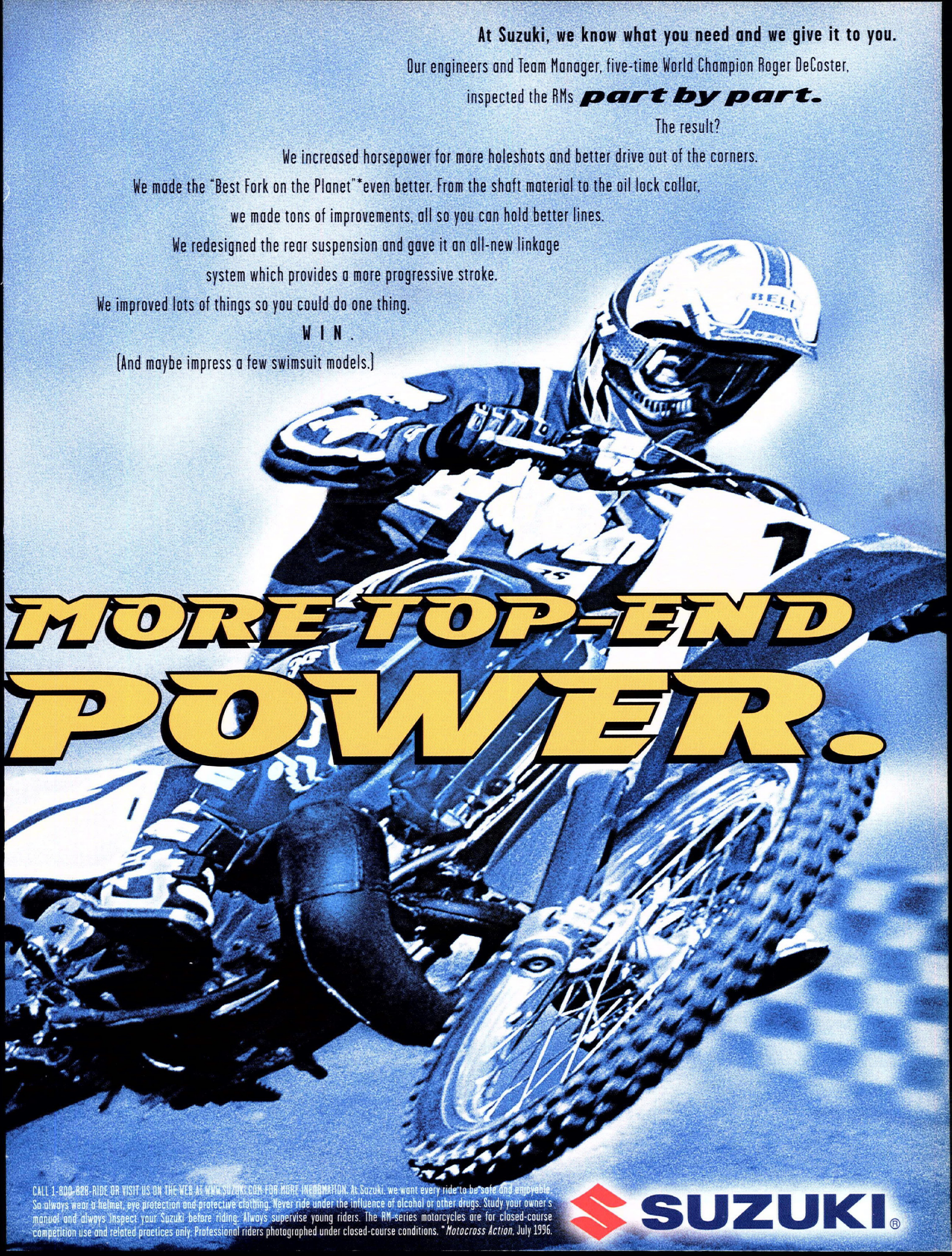

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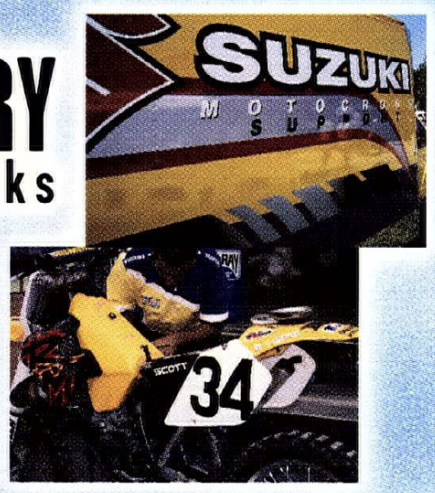

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comfortably cruise under the checkered flag ahead of Lipira.

"The start was hard," confessed the Freeland, Maryland, Honda rider, "but then I went outside and it worked!"

Jason Isennock and Zachery Calcutt finished third and fourth.

Lipira earned his own glory in the 125cc B main. The 15-year-old Honda rider from Street, Maryland, took charge at the green and battled with Joey Tyeryar until the final laps, when Tyeryar was forced to defend second from a threatening Louis Zerwitz. From there, Lipira extended his lead with every lap until he took the checkered flag.

"I just tried to hold on to the lead," said Lipira, who added a thank-you to his grandfather, Jim Rittenhouse, for sponsoring and supporting him.

The Over 30 winner, Nick Taylor, had local fans cheering as he and his Yamaha battled wheel to wheel with Dave Smith's Honda until the final lap, when Smith crashed in turn one.

"He (Smith) was on me the whole time - he even bumped me three times," said the Nick-O-Time-sponsored winner, Taylor. "He (Smith) was doing well until the end. I just stuck to the inside and held it."

In the combined 250cc A/B race, Smith ruled the A riders while Tyeryar handled the B riders. Smith trailed Tyeryar until the final lap, when he blasted by Tyeryar on the back straight as they headed for the checkered flag.

"I was just playing and waiting for my time," Smith said. "When the time came that I saw I could get him (Tyeryar), I got him."

Bill Boram topped the 600cc B ranks, and Mark Miller earned the win in the 600cc Pro class. Boram grabbed the holeshot and never looked back.

"There was no competition here for me tonight," Boram boasted after his easy win.

Results

50: 1. Jimmy Douglas.
50 OIL-INJ: 1. R.J. Hart; 2. Andrew Smith; 3. Bobby Weir; 4. Joey Parks.
80 B: 1. Bryan Douglas (Hon); 2. Nick Lipira (Hon); 3. Jason Isennock; 4. Zachery Calcutt.
125 B: 1. Nick Lipira (Hon); 2. Joey Tyeryar; 3. Louis Zerwitz.
250 A: 1. David Smith (Hon).
250 B: 1. Joey Tyeryar; 2. Stuart Saval; 3. Richard Lochner; 4. Louis Zerwitz.
600: 1. Mark Miller (H-D).
600 B: 1. Bill Boram (Yam) 2. Richard Lochner.
30+: 1. Nicholas Taylor (Yam); 2. Michael Keane; 3. David Smith (Hon).
40+: 1. James Chapman (H-D); 2. Robert Babcock; 3. Michael Keane.

Martin and May pound Paradise Motocross

By Gary Crider

MACON, GA, OCT. 12

Local ace Tommy Martin and Earl May of Florida battled all day at Paradise MX in round eight of the ninth annual AMA Georgia Championship MX Series. Their exciting six-moto clash featured long duels and numerous lead changes. The end result was a points tie in two classes: May's 2-1 tally edged Martin in the Over 25 contest, while Martin's 2-1 bested May in the Over 30 class. Martin and May returned in 250cc A racing, where they finished third and fifth, respectively.

Competition was very close in nearly every class, and only two riders managed to pull off double wins for the day: Team Green/FMF-backed James Stewart of Florida aced both the Junior Mini and Super Mini classes, while Honda of Troy/AXO's Matt Walker came out on top in both A divisions.

Answer/Tucker Rocky-backed John Lundy of Florida topped the Over 35 class after sharing moto wins with runner-up Kevin Brule. Lundy's 1-2 score moved him into the series points lead, unseating Paradise track owner Donny Banks, who finished 2-5 on the day.

Travis Crowell rocketed to both 125cc C-moto wins aboard his new Kawasaki, ahead of Casey Bullington and Brandon Livingston. The close series points battle in this class saw Bullington take the lead away from Billy Rich, who had a poor showing for the day.

Florida's Ricky Renner put on a charge in the final 50cc (7-8) moto that saw him eventually take the lead away from Jordan Pittman. Renner's moto win netted the overall honors in a tied score over series leader Pittman.

Renner returned in 60cc (7-9) action, where he clashed with Brent Carden. This time it was Capitol Cycle/FMF-backed Carden who had the winning 2-1 tally. Renner had to settle for the runner-up spot over series leader Gregory Roberts.

SYD-backed Josh Whitmire had no trouble winning both 125cc B motos, but in the Youth division, Whitmire had apparent mechanical problems in the second moto that held him to an eventual third overall. In a last-lap, winner-take-all duel for the lead in the final moto, Jake Hamlin edged Travis Crowell to earn the Youth-class honors.

(Right) Travis Crowell (414) won the 125cc C class over Casey Bullington (31) at Paradise MX in round eight of the AMA Georgia Championship MX Series.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Josh Humphries (Cob); 2. Tyler Horne (Cob); 3. Bubba Crosby (Cob); 4. Cameron Allen (Cob); 5. Trent Padgett (Cob).
50 (7-8): 1. Ricky Renner (Act); 2. Jordan Pittman (Cob); 3. Easton Hankins (KTM); 4. Joseph Mize (Cob); 5. J.J. Maleske (Cob).
60 (7-9): 1. Brent Carden (Kaw); 2. Ricky Renner (Kaw); 3. Gregory Roberts (Kaw); 4. Jase Lewis (Kaw); 5. Trey Bennett (Kaw).
60 (10-11): 1. Cory Cone (Kaw); 2. Richard Sheriff (Kaw); 3. Zack Lundy (Kaw); 4. Justin Link (Kaw); 5. Henry Winship (Kaw).
PRE-TEEN 60/80: 1. Andrew Matusek (Suz); 2. Luke Bunzendahl (Suz); 3. Rob Wooden (Yam); 4. Torre Striefthau (Hon); 5. Brent Carden (Kaw).
JR MINI: 1. James Stewart (Kaw); 2. Shang Lusk (Hon); 3. Andrew Matusek (Suz); 4. Justin Applewhite (Hon); 5. D.C. Thomason (Kaw).
SR MINI: 1. Derrick Fisher (Suz); 2. Ryan Davis (Kaw); 3. William Watford (Suz); 4. Michael Sisemore (Suz); 5. Brett Hasty (Hon).
S/MINI 100: 1. James Stewart (Kaw); 2. Ryan Davis (Kaw); 3. William Watford (Suz); 4. Michael Sisemore (Suz); 5. Derrick Fisher (Suz).
YTH: 1. Jake Hamlin (Suz); 2. Travis Crowell (Kaw); 3. Josh Whitmire (Suz); 4. Casey Bullington (Yam); 5. Westin Lee (Suz).
125 A: 1. Matt Walker (Hon); 2. Matt Shue (Suz); 3. Shae Bentley (Kaw); 4. Christopher Bailey (Hon); 5. Brian Raymond (Suz).
125 B: 1. Josh Whitmire (Suz); 2. Gordon Waggoner (Kaw); 3. Luke Montgomery (Suz); 4. Jake Hamlin (Suz); 5. Trey Powell (Hon).
125 C: 1. Travis Crowell (Kaw); 2. Casey Bullington (Yam); 3. Brandon Livingston (Yam); 4. Westin Lee (Suz); 5. Kevin Robison (Suz).
125 D: 1. Jonathan Jarrard (Suz); 2. Jason Blanton (Hon); 3. Robert Bloodworth (Kaw); 4. Joe Alexander (Suz); 5. Blake Ohlstrom (Yam).
250 A: 1. Matt Walker (Hon); 2. Matt Shue (Suz); 3. Tommy Martin (Suz); 4. Brian Raymond (Suz); 5. Earl May (Kaw).
250 B: 1. Luke Montgomery (Suz); 2. John Watkins (Kaw); 3. Austin Gomez (Kaw); 4. Daniel Henderson (Kaw); 5. Allen Harrison (Yam).
250 C: 1. Jeremy Noah (Suz); 2. Lee Jones (Suz); 3. Robin James (Yam); 4. Russell Radford (Kaw); 5. Stacy Peck (Kaw).
250 D: 1. R.M. Hathaway (Hon); 2. Gregg Remaley (Hon); 3. Taylor Bell (Hon); 4. Ron Twilley (Hon); 5. Tim James (Hon).
U/L AM: 1. Shae Bentley (Kaw); 2. Scott Lamb (Kaw); 3. Gordon Waggoner (Kaw); 4. Austin Gomez (Kaw); 5. Matt Abbott (Kaw).
25+: 1. Earl May (Kaw); 2. Tommy Martin (Suz); 3. Mike Garrett (Suz); 4. Glenn Bates (Suz); 5. Daniel Henderson (Kaw).
30+: 1. Tommy Martin (Suz); 2. Earl May (Kaw); 3. Ross Johnston (Hon); 4. Glenn Bates (Suz); 5. Marvin McDaniel (Yam).
35+: 1. John Lundy (Hon); 2. Kevin Brulé (Suz); 3. Donny Banks (Hon); 4. Johnny Borders (Kaw); 5. Marvin McDaniel (Yam).
40+: 1. Johnny Borders (Kaw); 2. Kevin Brulé (Suz); 3. Logan Atkins (Suz); 4. Warner Wilbourn (Kaw); 5. Vance Chase (Hon).

Capps captures Diamond Back MX C'ship

By Susan S. Willian

LONDON, KY, OCT. 4

Daniel Boone Motocross Park hosted the Pepsi Kentucky State Motocross Championships, and North Carolina's Joshua Capps landed championship honors in the Schoolboy class.

Capps shot off the gate in the first moto, pursued by Kentucky's Scott Craven, Ohio's Doug Gall, Jered Black and Daniel Tesh. Positions changed rapidly as Capps began to stretch his lead by lap two, with Black up to the second spot, followed by Craven, with Hans Neel moving into fourth. These riders remained in their respective slots as the checkered appeared.

Local competitor Dusty Walker was the first around turn one in moto two, but Capps quickly moved into the lead, chased by Black, Neel, Craven and Tesh. By lap two, Capps, Black and Neel were a threesome as they piloted their machines around the challenging obstacles. While in fourth, Craven crashed, losing his position. The final lap saw Capps and Black riding in unison. Black attempted to make a pass, but Capps blocked his aggressive move and opened his throttle to speed away. Capps landed the win for the overall as Black went by in second, Neel third, Tesh fourth and Craven fifth.

Adam Overcash was the early leader in the first round of the Supermini class, with J.R. Carter, Joshua Summey and Justin Jones following. Carter made a pass through the whoops to get by Overcash, and Summey followed suit. Summey began to push Carter around the terrain and, by lap three, Carter and Summey had pulled away from their competitors. Meanwhile, Overcash crashed while running third. On lap four, Carter seemed to stretch out his first-place spot but went down in the section of the track called the "rocket pocket," and Summey took charge of the race. Summey held on to the front spot at the checkered, with Carter taking runner-up honors, followed by Richard Garnes, Overcash and Jones.

Garnes timed the gate with perfection and he jumped to the lead in the second moto. His lead was short-lived, though, as Summey and Carter piloted their machines by Garnes. The two front-runners again contested each other throughout the moto. The final lap saw Carter slowed as he encountered lapped riders. Summey held on to first for the moto and earned the state championship while Carter finished second, Overcash third and Garnes fourth for the moto.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Amanda Rassiga (Cob); 2. Preston Thomas (KTM); 3. Houston Meek (KTM); Christopher Akaydin (KTM).
50 (7-8): 1. Justin Sipes (Cob); 2. Davin Price (Lem); 3. Brett Slater (Cob); 4. Zach Osborne (KTM); 5. David Fine (Cob).
60 (7-9): 1. Joshua Davis (Kaw); 2. Justin Sipes (Kaw); 3. Aaron Nations (Kaw); 4. Jerry Westerkamp (Kaw); 5. Chase Beck (Kaw).
60 (10-11): 1. Alexander Hunter (Kaw); 2. Shane O'Banion (Kaw); 3. Christopher Chesnee (Kaw); 4. Matthew Smith (Kaw); 5. Garrett Meek (Kaw).
80 (7-11): 1. Devon Hedrick (Hon); 2. Hatch Lee (Kaw); 3. B.J. Huntsinger (Suz); 4. Chase Roberts (Kaw); 5. Joshua Davis (Kaw).
80 (12-13): 1. Joshua Summey (Kaw); 2. Adam Overcash (Suz); 3. Richard Garnes (Suz); 4. Ryan Sipes (Kaw); 5. Terry Blake Jr. (Kaw).
80 (14-15): 1. J.R. Carter (Kaw); 2. Jamie Hainer (Kaw); 3. Matt Greene (Hon); 4. Anthony Brinkley (Suz); 5. Derrick Young (Yam).
80 D: 1. Jared Whitaker (Hon); 2. Nicholas Benza (Kaw); 3. Jason Tucker (Kaw); 4. Matthew Crawford (Hon); 5. Matthew Smith (Kaw).
S/MINI: 1. Joshua Summey (Kaw); 2. J.R. Carter (Kaw); 3. Adam Overcash (Suz); 4. Richard Garnes (Suz); 5. Justin Jones (Yam).
125 B: 1. Ben Riddle (Kaw); 2. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 3. Daniel Tesh (KTM), 4. Steve Hensley (Hon); 5. Jered Black (Yam).
125 C: 1. Mac Epps (Suz); 2. Doug Earls (Suz).
125 D: 1. Chris Hacker (Hon); 2. Josh Snell (Hon); 3. Travis Skelton (Yam); 4. Dareck Kunce (Suz); 5. Reyben Mellenn (Suz).
250 B: 1. Ben Riddle (Kaw); 2. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 3. Daniel Tesh (KTM); 4. Wesley McCoy (Suz); 5. Allen Booher (Hon).
250 C: 1. Kevin Blalock (Yam); 2. Aaron Ellenburg (Suz); 3. Chris Higgins (Kaw); 4. Bo Markolf (Suz); 5. Gary Henry (Hon).
250-500 D: 1. Jordan Gallaher (Hon); 2. David Bridges (Suz); 3. Kelvin Napier (Suz); 4. Jack Hughes (Yam); 5. Jody Duncan (Hon).
U/L AM: 1. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 2. Brad Edwards (Suz); 3. Wesley McCoy (Suz); 4. Steve Hensley (Hon); 5. Daniel Tesh (KTM).
U/L C/D: 1. Aaron McIntyre (Suz); 2. Mark Huntsinger (Suz); 3. Jerry Strange (Yam); 4. Terry Blake (KTM); 5. Darrell Jones (Hon).
EX MNY: 1. Tim Hawthorne (Kaw); 2. Brian Mason (Hon); 3. Nathan Miller (Yam); 4. Richard Watson (Suz); 5. Adam Vaughn (Kaw).
SCHBY: 1. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 2. Jered Black (Yam); 3. Hans Neel (Hon); 4. Scott Craven (Yam); 5. Daniel Tesh (KTM).
25+ A: 1. Matthew Crown (Kaw); 2. Bobby Wilson (Hon); 3. Rodney Carrier (KTM); 4. Bryan McDonald (Yam); 5. Wayne Harrison (Hon).
25+ B: 1. Jere Pope (Kaw); 2. Jeff Flora (Suz); 3. Albert McCoy (KTM); 4. Steve Hensley (Hon); 5. Leslie Belcher (Suz).
25+ C: 1. Ron Jones (Suz); 2. Gary Baisden (KTM); 3. Mark Huntsinger (Suz); 4. J.L. Osbourne (Suz); 5. Bo Markolf (Suz).
30+: 1. David Tucker (Suz); 2. Mark Huntsinger (Suz); 3. Todd Heemsbergen (Kaw); 4. Gary Craven (Hon); 5. Darrell Jones (Hon).
30+ A: 1. Matt Crown (Kaw); 2. Bobby Wilson (Hon); 3. Rodney Carrier (KTM); 4. Donald Alford (Suz); 5. Mark Guy (Yam).
30+ B: 1. Leslie Bakher (Suz); 2. Eric McHatton (Suz); 3. Randall Rowe (Suz); 4. David Farris (KTM); 5. Rick Barr (Hon).
35+: 1. Mark Guy (Yam); 2. Jere Pope (Kaw); 3. Jeff Heaston (Kaw); 4. Ron Jones (Suz); 5. James Drake (Kaw).
40+: 1. Ron Jones (Suz); 2. Gary Baisden (KTM); 3. Jeff Heaston (Kaw); 4. Johnny Gibson (Hon); 5. Duke Finch (Yam).
48+: 1. Duke Finch (Yam); 2. Ted Shortridge (Suz); 3. Eugene Goode (Suz).

Holmes by a nose at OTHG National MX

By Chris Sanchirico

PERRIS, CA, OCT. 12-13

Perris Raceway was the site for the fourth and final round of the Over The Hill Gang Motocross Nationals for 1997, and San Franciscan Phillip Holmes won the Novice A class with a 2-2-3-1 score on the weekend. More than 170 OTHG riders came from all parts of California and Nevada to contest the two-day, four-moto event. It was a very tough win for Holmes, who found himself in a three-way tie with Ed Simms and Brett Flory, as all three had accumulated eight points after four motos. Holmes was able to clinch the victory with a crucial last-moto win.

On Saturday, Flory took the win in the first moto, followed by Holmes and Simms. The second moto saw Simms take the win, with Holmes and Flory in tow. On day two, the track was run in the opposite direction and slightly changed, which made for exciting racing, though the new track did little to affect the battle between the three amigos.

In Sunday's first moto, Flory took the holeshot and put some distance between himself and second-placed Rocky Hash, who was entrenched in a battle with Jim Enos. Holmes was in fourth and pursuing the leaders, with Simms midpack. Enos passed Hash but went down soon after, and Holmes moved up to second. Simms stepped up the pace and moved up to Holmes to fight for second. Again, Holmes and Simms chopped away at Flory's huge lead and moved into position to pass. On the last lap, Flory looked tired, but he turned it up when Holmes showed him a front wheel. Meanwhile, Simms moved around the blocking Holmes to take second behind Flory at the checkers.

Moto four was the fiercest battle of the weekend, as all three riders desperately wanted the overall and were very close in points. Flory again put his RM out front, with Holmes on his tail. Simms made an unbelievable charge from dead last to dice it out with the leaders as the top three separated themselves from the rest of the pack to settle their differences. Holmes made his pass for the lead on Flory, but almost ended up on his head in an endo. Simms then moved up on Flory like a shark, and the two were bar to bar going through the doubles section before making the pass. Simms pulled out all the stops and made a last-ditch effort to get by Holmes, but his efforts were thwarted and Holmes was victorious. With the last-moto win, Holmes took the class win, followed by Simms (3-1-2-2) and Flory (1-3-1-3).

Results

BEG: 1. Mike Rawson; 2. Dan Meiner; 3. Steve Latham; 4. Kirby Smith; 5. Tim Farley.
NOV A: 1. Philip Holmes; 2. Ed Simms; 3. Brett Flory; 4. David Ward; 5. Jim Enos.
NOV B: 1. Tom Sarac; 2. Steve Waltman; 3. Matt Connolly; 4. Mark Andrews; 5. Sam Rodriguez.
INT: 1. Christopher Sanchirico; 2. Don Demyan; 3. C.J. Mangen; 4. Phil Means; 5. Dan Townsend.
EX: 1. Brian Allen; 2. Mark Pledger; 3. Charlie Gilmore; 4. Mark Crosby; 5. Scott Roostberger.
38+ BEG: 1. Stewart Pike; 2. Steve Evans; 3. Jim Clouse; 4. Henry Whitten; 5. Dennis Rosenburg.
38+ NOV: 1. Darrell Spilsbury; 2. Gary Juola; 3. Louie Springer; 4. John Curran; 5. Robert Esparza.
38+ INT: 1. Doug Moore; 2. Dennis Stubblefield; 3. Marty Westerman; 4. Chris Cumbo; 5. Bill Schultz.
38+ EX: 1. Gary Schiedler; 2. Nick Costvalvello; 3. Paul Needles; 4. Rick Purcell; 5. James Coppedge.
PRO: 1. Terry Fowler; 2. Jim Henn; 3. Mark Johnson; 4. Jon Varner; 5. Tony Rodriguez.

(Left) Luann Swisher won the Women's class at the Woodland, Washington, Vintage Motocross season opener.

Casey, Brynn best Woodland Vintage MX

By Clay Light

WOODLAND, WA, OCT. 18
Joe Casey, riding a 1974 Honda CR250 Elsinore, and CZ 400-mounted Ken Brynn were two of the record seven double class winners at the season-opening, Vintage Dirt Racing-sanctioned Vintage Motocross held at the Woodland Motocross Park.

Well over 120 riders, split into 14 classes, were on hand for a near-perfect day. Several other riders, including former AMA Expert dirt tracker Larry Legarra, came close to a two-win tally. Legarra won the highly competitive Over 40 Almost Vintage Expert class after fending off Jesse Buckley and Craig Farnsworth in moto one and then beating Mike Alf and Buckley in the second round.

Legarra, who won the first moto in the Open Almost Vintage (1975-1980) Intermediate class, wasn't as fortunate the second time out. His untimely DNF allowed Christopher James to steal the overall win. The Intermediate riders were combined with the Expert riders, and Yamaha-mounted Monty Price took the measure of the class by virtue of his 2-1 placings to beat John Ulver (3-2) and first-moto winner Bill Jones.

Casey's double class decimation was completed after his runaway performances in the Over 30 and 250cc Expert/Intermediate classes. The Honda rider was uncatchable as he led Yamaha rider John Zigler, Brian Swisher, James, John Smith and Marty Weltiar to the finish in the first 250cc contest. Casey then capped off his two-moto sweep after leading James, the Intermediate winner, to the checkered flag in moto two. Casey also beat Swisher and Zigler for a win in the Over 30 class.

Brynn won the Open Intermediate class, beating fellow CZ rider Doug Powell and Yamaha-mounted James, and then did likewise to score a win in the Over 40 Intermediate class. Bultaco rider Steve Sprague placed second to Brynn with his 2-2 placings, followed by Powell's 3-3 showings.

Yamaha rider Kelly Smith won both 250cc Amateur-class motos, but it didn't come easily, as Maico rider Larry Logsdon made things tough for him. Logsdon led moto one until the final lap; that's when Smith made a move to pick up the win ahead of Logsdon, Luann Swisher and Mike Stone. Bultaco-mounted Sean Light, best known for his dirt track prowess, led moto two, but the 12-year-old lost his lead to Smith. Swisher, who earlier had won the Women's class, netted second overall (3-2) ahead of Logsdon (2-3).

Results

XR75: 1. Rob Roy Nielsen II; 2. Rachael White.
125 AM: 1. Wayne Estes (Yam); 2. Randy Ferguson (Suz); 3. Matt Russell (Hon); 4. Ava Casey (Hon); 5. Michael Taylor (Suz).
125 INT: 1. Rick Ball (Suz); 2. Harry Taylor (Yam); 3. Steve Kauffman (Hod); 4. George Eadie (Yam).
125 EX: 1. Richard Sipp (Yam); 2. Chris Castles (C-A).
250 AM: 1. Kelly Smith (Yam); 2. Luann Swisher (Hon); 3. Larry Logsdon (Mai); 4. Mike Stone (Kaw); 5. Glen Storer (Yam).
250 INT: 1. John Zigler (Yam); 2. Chris James (Yam); 3. Brian Swisher (Hon); 4. Marty Welter (Hon); 5. John Smith (Ric).
250 EX: 1. Joe Casey (Hon); 2. Jesse Buckley (Yam).
30+ INT: 1. Brian Swisher (Hon); 2. John Zigler (Yam); 3. John Marcotte (Hon); 4. Marty Welter (Hon); 5. Chris James (Yam).
30+ EX: 1. Joe Casey (Hon).
40+ AM: 1. Ed Peters (Hus); 2. Darrell Kilgore (Yam); 3. Fred Harber (Yam).
40+ INT: 1. Kenny Brynn (CZ); 2. Doug Powell (CZ); 3. Chris James (Yam).
40+ EX: 1. Matt Waldron (Hus); 2. Bob Rush (CZ); 3. Chris Castles (C-A).
WMN INT/AM: 1. Luann Swisher (Hon); 2. Ava Casey (Hon); 3. Valerie Ulver (Yam); 4. Amy Light (Bul); 5. Liza Moreira (CZ).
OPEN AV INT: 1. Chris James (Yam); 2. Jack Rua (Hon); 3. Larry Legarra (Suz).
OPEN AV EX: 1. Monty Price (Yam); 2. John Ulver (Yam); 3. Bill Jones (Yam).
125 AV EX: 1. Chris Castles (C-A); 2. Craig Farnsworth (Hon).
250 AV INT: 1. Rick Ball (Hon); 2. Jack Rua (Hon).
250 AV AM: 1. Jon Stuart (Hon); 2. Walter Welter (Bul); 3. Gary Boman (Mai); 4. Ed Russell (C-A); 5. Jeff Hohnstein (Kaw).
250 AV EX: 1. Kirk Williams (Hon); 2. Jesse Buckley (Yam); 3. Mike Alf (Yam).
30+ AV AM: 1. Scott McAllister (Bul); 2. Don Kauffman (Suz).
40+ AV AM: 1. Dale Jacobus (Yam); 2. Tim Trudeau (Kaw); 3. Erick Krask (Yam).
40+ AV EX: 1. Larry Legarra (Suz); 2. Jesse Buckley (Yam); 3. Mike Alf (Yam); 4. Craig Farnsworth (Hon); 5. Dougie Eckelman (Yam).
30+ AM: 1. Guy Haugo (CZ); 2. Robert Schulz (Hus); 3. Rich White (CZ); 4. Dan Weislogel (Hus); 5. Glenn Stover (Yam).
40+ INT: 1. Dale Hodson (Mai); 2. Steve Kauffman (Bul).
50+ INT: 1. Rick Downing (Bul).
50+ AM: 1. Bud Abbott (Yam); 2. Bill Schweitzer (Bul); 3. Thomas Gloden (CZ).
60+ INT: 1. Rodger Bille (Suz): 2. George Eadie (Yam).
60+ AM: 1. Dan McCarthy (Hus); 2. Glen Finneran (C-A); 3. Larry Linde (Hon).
60+ EX: 1. Jim Watts (Yam); 2. Harry Taylor (Yam).
OPEN AM: 1. Guy Haugo (CZ); 2. Reid Saario (CZ); 3. Dan Weisloger (Hus); 4. Fred Harber (Yam); 5. Liza Moreira (CZ).
OPEN AV AM: 1. Jonathan Stuart (Yam); 2. Don Kauffman (Suz); 3. Scott McAllister (Bul); 4. Rick Prudholm (C-A); 5. Mike Murray (Suz).
4-STRK AV AM: 1. Mark Studebaker (Yam); 2. Kenny McCann (Yam); 3. Dan Froemmling (Yam).
4-STRK AV EX: 1. Monty Price (Yam).
4-STRK VINT INT: 1. Dean Newton (Tri).
4-STRK VINT EX: 1. Gene Boere (Tri).

Claytor cashes in at Worn Sprocket Enduro

By Jeff Anthony

CHILLICOTHE, OH, OCT. 26
Local hotshot Kevin Claytor powered his KMA Cycle Kawasaki to a convincing win in the Chillicothe Enduro Riders Association's Worn Sprocket Enduro.

Beautiful weather made for an enthusiastic turnout of more than 60 riders. Trail bosses Shane Sims and Pat Pinkerton laid out an excellent run, combining old and new trail.

Claytor drew row number one and started off into a tough and challenging section from the get-go. Many riders encountered trouble on a slippery off-camber hillside just miles from the start. Claytor dropped one point in this section to edge out everyone except local Senior rider Cletus Kuhn, who actually had the fastest time of the day.

The day ended up with four tough miles of old hare scrambles track, which then led back to the club grounds. At the finish, KTM rider Tony Addington nabbed the overall B honors by a one-point margin over Eric Kingery.

Results

O/A: Kevin Claytor (Kaw).
H-PT A: Mike Slopko (Yam).
H-PT B: Tony Addington (KTM).
A: 1. Mike Slopko; 2. Chris Gillespie; 3. Brian Newberry.
B: 1. Tony Addington; 2. Eric Kingery; 3. Dave Crowe; 4. Tony Elliott; 5. Pete Diehl.
LOW PT FINISHER: Brice Oney.

Garrahan grabs Flat River Grand Prix

By Frank Leivan

PARK HILLS, MO, OCT. 5
The 15th annual Flat River Grand Prix, which was also the final round of the Missouri State Hare Scrambles Series, saw California rider Brian Garrahan come out on top of a close battle with his older brother Patrick and Missouri Hare Scrambles Champion Steve Leivan to take the overall win and claim the Governor's Cup. After more than $3^1/_2$ hours and 100 miles of competition, all three riders were separated by less than 30 seconds.

This year's event was run under extremely dusty conditions and featured an 18.7-mile loop on which the top riders completed five laps. The first lap was slightly longer, due to the fact that the race started in town and ran a 4-mile section of trail before connecting to the main loop.

As the riders in the 15-man AA class were paraded down main street behind the pace ATV, two early contenders for the win were eliminated before the race actually got started. Chris Thiele and local Brock Busenbark hooked bars and were sent to the pavement. Narrowly missing the carnage were Yamaha riders Ken Yount and Steve Leivan. Yount was able to back off of the gas and avoid the collision, while Leivan wheelied over Busenbark's sliding bike and somehow managed to stay in control. Busenbark re-entered the race quickly, but Thiele's Kawasaki suffered a broken throttle housing and he was forced to return to the pits. He joined the race a lap down and turned in respectable lap times, though not fast enough to make up for the lost lap.

Chris Caplinger was the first bike across the river, followed by Brian Garrahan and Leivan. Garrahan moved into the lead after only a mile or so, and Patrick Garrahan moved around Leivan and into third. Chad Busenbark held control of the fifth position. Patrick Garrahan soon moved around Caplinger and set out after his brother. Leivan was the next rider to make a move on Caplinger, but had trouble getting around him.

Up front, the Garrahan boys had started to pull away. Leivan finally made his way into third but was unable even to see any dust from the leaders. Near the end of the first lap - a lap that took 50 minutes for the leaders - Leivan closed in on Patrick Garrahan and made his pass on the fastest portion of the course to take over the runner-up position. Brian Garrahan held a lead of 32 seconds over Leivan and Patrick Garrahan after lap one.

Pit strategy began to play a role early in the event. The plan for most of the racers was to make two pit stops. Leivan chose to do so after laps one and three, while the other contenders chose to stop after two and four. Therefore, while in the pits, Leivan surrendered a spot to Patrick Garrahan and lost even more time to the leading Garrahan, Brian. Busenbark completed the lap in fourth, followed by Ken Yount.

Both Garrahans pitted after the second circuit, and Leivan was able to pass Patrick and exit the pits right on Brian's rear tire. Brian turned up the wick and put some distance between his KTM and Leivan, while Pat moved in and made the pass on Leivan for second near the midpoint of the loop. Busenbark reeled in Leivan as well and, after three laps, the first four riders were separated by only 40 seconds. Leivan went to the pits to refuel for his final stop, while the other three leaders continued on.

Lap four provided only a single pass among the front-runners, as Leivan regained third from Busenbark. The margin between the leaders was unchanged after lap four, as was the order: It was still Brian Garrahan, Patrick Garrahan, Leivan and Busenbark, all within 40 seconds of one another. Again, Leivan was able to move around Pat Garrahan in the pits, but wasn't able to move past Brian Garrahan.

Pat Garrahan moved back up to the rear fender of Leivan but, due to the dust, was unable to make a move for second. Meanwhile, Leivan had sneaked up to within striking distance of Brian Garrahan at the 5-mile mark; he patiently waited for an opportunity, and this plan almost worked. The two leaders entered a punch check near the 10-mile mark and the check crew, seeing that the gap between the front-runners was now very small, went into a cheering frenzy. Brian Garrahan looked over his shoulder and saw that Leivan was there and quickly picked up the pace.

The bottom fell out of Leivan's plan to make another run at Brian Garrahan only a few miles later as he hit the deck hard. The crash allowed Pat Garrahan to close the gap, and the battle for the win seemed to be over. It was now a race for second.

Leivan got up and was able to hold off Pat Garrahan for a while, but Pat made the final pass of the day at mile marker 15 to take control of second. In the end, 22-year-old Brian Garrahan claimed the win on his Fox/Scott/LE Suspension-backed KTM 250, ahead of his brother Pat Garrahan (who shares the same sponsors). Leivan held on to the final podium position, and Busenbark faded a little on the final lap, but still turned in a very respectable fourth-place finish. Caplinger overcame early problems to complete the top five.

Results

O/A: 1. Brian Garrahan (KTM); 2. Patrick Garrahan (KTM); 3. Steve Leivan (Yam); 4. Chad Busenbark (Yam); 5. Chris Caplinger (ATK).
AA: 1. Patrick Garrahan (KTM); 2. Steve Leivan (Yam); 3. Chad Busenbark (Yam); 4. Chris Caplinger (ATK); 5. Jeff Fischer (Hon).
A: 1. Chris Nesbitt (Yam); 2. Matthew Pursley (Hus); 3. John Roth (Suz); 4. Jeff Lappe (KTM); 5. Dan Burgard (Yam).
125 B: 1. Wes Donaldson (Hus); 2. Shawn Sanders (Kaw); 3. Adam Wright (Suz); 4. Andy Laplante (Yam); 5. Ted Lapp (Kaw).
200 B: 1. Matt Mannering (Kaw); 2. Jesse Faulstich (Kaw); 3. Robert Armon (Kaw); 4. Doug Mefford (Kaw); 5. Brandon Forrester (Kaw).
250 B: 1. Keith Kibort (Yam); 2. Donnie Mathis (Hon); 3. Tim Baker (Kaw); 4. Nick Crawford (Yam); 5. Kevin Betts (Kaw).
250 C: 1. Kurt Smith (Yam); 2. Matt Weis (Yam); 3. Joe Straatmann (Kaw); 4. Denny Turlin (Kaw); 5. Josh Wilsher (Yam).
OPEN B: 1. Tom Prenger (KTM); 2. John Newberry (Hon); 3. Tom Huber (CRE); 4. Chris Sloan (ATK); 5. Bret Naugle (Hus).
4-STRK B: 1. Ross Logan (Hus); 2. Rick Kinkelaar (Suz); 3. Doug Jones (Kaw); 4. Neal Vanway (Hon); 5. Gary Pilant (Hon).
VET: 1. Dale Gulley (Yam); 2. Jon Simons (Yam); 3. David Dillingham (Yam); 4. Jay Williams (Yam); 5. John Banes (Kaw).
SR: 1. Ron Ribolzi (CRE); 2. Brad Barnett (Yam); 3. Bill Nolan (Kaw); 4. Jimmy Jones (Kaw); 5. Andy Long (Suz).
S/SR: 1. Bob Caplinger (ATK); 2. John Oller (Yam); 3. Frank Leivan (Yam); 4. Bob Jones (Kaw); 5. Rick Carpenter (KTM).
TR: 1. Robert Duncan (Yam); 2. Lars Valin (Hon); 3. Dave Lederle (Kaw); 4. Josh Shipley (Kaw); 5. Tom Zaleuke (KTM).

Decker decks them at Hunt MX Park

By Michael Harasmisz

HUNT, NY, OCT. 12
Kawasaki-mounted Derek Decker turned in consistent 2-2 moto scores to take the overall win in the 250cc Beginner class at the last race of the season at Hunt Motocross Park. Four hundred thirty riders turned out to compete under sunny skies with temperatures in the 70s, which made for a great way to close the season.

The 250c Beginner class had enough riders to be split into separate heats, with the top riders going into a final race. Rick Askey and Dave Stupnick grabbed early leads and won their heat races. Finishing second in those heat races were Decker and James DeSalvo.

Ron Wagner took the holeshot in the second 250cc Beginner moto, with Stupnick and Dennis Moor close behind. Wagner continued to lead while Decker moved into fourth behind Moor and Stupnick. Wagner took the moto win, while Moor and Stupnick made last-lap mistakes which let Decker move into second place. Decker took the overall win with a 2-2 score, while Wagner was second with a 4-1 moto score. Stupnick was third overall by losing the tie breaker to Moor with a 1-4.

Results

P/W: 1. Brandon Meier (Cob); 2. Chad Dunning (Cob); 3. Colin Carman (Cob); 4. Jordan Gernstl (Cob); 5. Matt Guilfoil (Cob).
60: 1. Ryan McKenyon (Kaw), 2. Cody Dunning (Kaw); 3. Beau Nichols (Kaw); 4. Mike Sick (Kaw); 5. Chad Dunning (Kaw).
MINI JR: 1. Caleb Miller (Kaw); 2. Michael McBain (Kaw); 3. Brandon Kuhn (Suz); 4. Beau Nichols (Kaw); 5. Greg Guilfoil (Hon).
MINI SR: 1. Josh Cislo (Yam); 2. Bobby Silvarole (Kaw); 3. L.J. Partlow (Yam); 4. Kevin Hall (Suz); 5. Dan Placek (Kaw).
MINI COMB: 1. Josh Cislo (Yam); 2. Caleb Miller (Kaw); 3. L.J. Partlow (Yam); 4. Brandon Kuhn (Suz); 5. Steven Edwards (Hon).
SCHBY: 1. Jimmy Miller (Kaw); 2. Bobby Silvarole (Kaw); 3. Josh Cislo (Yam); 4. Fred Carbone (Hon).
125 BEG: 1. Chris Stahl (Kaw); 2. Keith Moffat (Hon); 3. Jesse Schwab (Kaw); 4. Dan DePascale (Kaw); 5. Jim Klink (Kaw).
125 NOV: 1. Matt Mayes (Hon); 2. Bobby Silvarole (Kaw); 3. Dave Maras (Suz); 4. Billy Satkowski (Hon); 5. Tyler Jerome (Yam).
125 AM: 1. Matt Patteson (Yam): 2. Jimmy Miller (Kaw); 3. Brian Barber (Kaw); 4. Brian Woodhams (Suz); 5. Doug Weinman (Hon).
125 EX: 1. Billy Silvarole (Kaw); 2. Aaron Dieter (Suz); 3. Joe Ellington (Suz); 4. Tod King (Yam); 5. Wilmer Caballero (Hon).
250 BEG: 1. Derek Decker (Kaw); 2. Ron Wagner (Kaw); 3. Dave Stupnick (Kaw); 4. Dennis More (Hon); 5. Rick Askey (Hon).
250 NOV: 1. Tyler Jerome (Hon); 2. Mark Klein (Kaw); 3. Mark Murphy (Hon); 4. Ray Rink (Hon); 5. Eric Boss (Suz).
250 AM: 1. Heath Wadhams (Kaw): 2. Doug Weinman (Hon); 3. Joe Celso (Kaw); 4. Craig Whetstine (Kaw); 5. Matt Sick (Suz).
250 EX: 1. Billy Silvarole (Kaw); 2. Joe Ellington (Suz); 3. Scott Ghidiu (Kaw); 4. Brian Years (Hon); 5. Brian Sigel (Kaw).
VINT/WDS: 1. Wayne Barber (Kaw); 2. David Williams (Suz); 3. Don Carman (Yam); 4. Ed Sponybaueyer (Hon); 5. Dan Hubbard (Hon).
16-24 COMB: 1. Scott Ghidiu (Kaw); 2. Ben Trask (Hon); 3. Matt Patteson (Yam); 4. Eric DeBadts (Suz); 5. Brian Barber (Kaw).

25+ AM: 1. Craig Whetstine (Kaw); 2. Wayne Barber (Kaw); 3. Kevin Howe (Yam); 4. David Williams (Suz); 5. Daniel Morgott (Hon).

25+ EX: 1. Billy Silvarole (Kaw); 2. Joe Ellington (Suz); 3. Tod King (Yam); 4. Greg Meeder (Kaw); 5. Pete Falconi (Hon).

SR C: 1. Robert Ruerhrwein (Yam); 2. John Voight (KTM); 3. Dave Heitzhaus (Kaw); 4. Mike Mammano (Hon); 5. Tom Ghidiu (Kaw).

VET: 1. Bart Lucas (Kaw); 2. Wayne Barber (Kaw); 3. Michael Bender (KTM); 4. David Carman (Yam); 5. Greg Guilfoil (Hon).

Goertz, Hohman invade Fort Hood Hare Scrambles

By Lynn Bailey

FORT HOOD, TX, OCT. 26

KTM rider Clifford Goertz rebounded from a slow season opener to remind everyone why he wears the number-one plate in the AA class by winning the second round of the 1998 AMA Texas Championship Hare Scrambles Series.

As the AA row fired off from the dead-engine start, Goertz claimed the holeshot and was closely followed by first-round winner Bert Reynolds and 1997 ISDE Silver Medalist Brian Storrie. Quickly, the trio pulled away from the pack and set a blistering pace on the dusty 9.5-mile course; they finished with only 20 seconds between them. At one point, Storrie was safely in second place; then disaster struck during his refueling stop.

"When I pulled into the pits, I was ahead of Reynolds, but my quick-fill gas can had something wrong with it and I could not get the fuel to flow," Storrie related. "It took me probably 30 seconds to pour a gallon."

With that development, Reynolds claimed second place and would not give it up to the checkers.

One row back, a fierce challenge was brewing in the Overall A war. Honda-mounted Patrick Hohman found the best way through the poor visibility to pull away early and score his first Overall win. Early challenges by Al Cravens, Manny Garza and Craig Chedsey were derailed as Hohman emerged victorious.

In the Four-Stroke A class, a battle was waged between Stewart Frank and Glen Germer, as the two riders were never more than 20 seconds apart. As the two thumper riders emerged out of the last woods section and into the final turns of the Fort Hood Dirt Riders motocross course, Germer held off Frank at the finish line for a mere one-second margin of victory.

Mike Spohn laid claim to the Open B-class victory, but it was Mario Rice coming from the Over 30 B class who claimed the Overall B victory, closely followed by Chris Wicker and Brad Thompson.

Lacy Thompson proved that her previous fourth-place finish in the heavily contested Open C class was no fluke by railing her Honda of Houston-sponsored 250cc to third place. Jim Bennett and Zachary Davis were well in control of the class, finishing first and second, respectively.

Brian Cecil came on strong from the 200cc C class to win the Overall C honors. Lorie Whitmire controlled the Women's class by finishing one minute ahead of Lorena Hancock. Martin Howell once again ruled the 60cc class, and Derek Osborn narrowly edged the hard-charging James Bethel by two seconds during the 45-minute 50cc race.

Results

AA: 1. Clifford Goertz (KTM); 2. Bert Reynolds (Kaw); 3. Brian Storrie (Hon).

O/A A: Patrick Hohman (Hon).

O/A B: Mario Rice (Kaw).

O/A C: Brian Cecil (Kaw).

A EX: 1. Al Cravens (Suz); 2. Dan Sell (KTM); 3. Manny Garza (Hon); 4. Brian Holmes (Kaw); 5. Lynn Bailey (Hon).

50: 1. Derek Osborn (KTM); 2. James Bethel (Hon); 3. Jamie Whitmire (Suz); 4. Amanda Middleton (Yam).

60: 1. Martin Howell (Kaw); 2. Corby Jesperson (Kaw); 3. Austin Jones (Kaw).

80: 1. Jason Jones (Suz).

200 A: 1. Duggan Hertzog (Kaw); 2. Tom Senesac (Hon); 3. Matt Landrum (Kaw).

200 B: 1. Travis Villarreal (Kaw); 2. Brent Jones (Kaw); 3. Mike Villemarette (Kaw); 4. Greg Lener (Hon); 5. Jimmy White (Hon).

200 C: 1. Mike Davies (Yam); 2. Jerry Schlegel (Yam); 3. Jeff Hardin (Kaw); 4. Jeffery Kaiser (Kaw); 5. Louie Paganucci (Kaw).

250-OPEN A: 1. Tracy Terrell (KTM); 2. Drew Dunbar (KTM); 3. Jarrod Goertz (Hon); 4. Marek Janocka (Kaw).

250-OPEN B: 1. Mike Spohn (Suz); 2. Troy Barrows (Suz); 3. Joshua Laurence (Yam); 4. Billy Chedsey.

OPEN C: 1. Jim Bennett (Hon); 2. Zachary Davis (Kaw); 3. Lacy Thompson (Hon); 4. Daniel Hill (Kaw); 5. Joseph Jones (Hon).

4-STRK A: 1. Glen Germer (Hon); 2. Stewart Frank (Hon); 3. John Meskey (Hon).

4-STRK B: 1. Brad Burnie (Hon); 2. John Carlton (Hon); 3. Lee Jordan (Hon); 4. James Dickey (Hon); 5. Tom Bailey (Hon).

30+ A: 1. Joey Hardin (Kaw); 2. Lee Upton (Kaw); 3. Billy Dosinger (Hon); 4. Jeff Wilson (Yam); 5. Tom Granthum (Suz).

30+ B: 1. Chris Wicker (Yam); 2. Brad Thompson (Hon); 3. Michael Ursin (KTM); 4. Ace Burt (Kaw); 5. Allen Harmon (Hon).

30+ C: 1. Russel Gourley (Hon); 2. Lon Plumpton (Suz); 3. James Rathmann (Kaw); 4. Brad Kendrick (Kaw); 5. Scott Bagby (Hon).

40+ A: 1. Dan Aitken (Yam); 2. Eddie Gillis (Hon); 3. Matt MacWilliams (Yam); 4. Charles Laurence (Yam); 5. John Michlowsky (Kaw).

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(Left) Aaron Casados rose above the rest of the 80cc Beginner class at round two of the Merced Powersports/MSR Octoberfest Series in Hollister, California.
(Above) Mike Harasmisz won the eighth annual Vintage Exhibition race at the Hunt Motocross Park in Hunt, New York.

40+ B: 1. David Guillett (Yam); 2. Bob Wade (KTM); 3. Dan Cogdell (CRE); 4. William Holt (Kaw); 5. Brian Graver (Suz).

40+ C: 1. Greg Christiansen (Hon); 2. Mark Roegner (KTM); 3. Gary Rys (Suz); 4. Kevin Monohan (Hon); 5. Russell Hodge (Yam).

50+ A: 1. Bobby Reynolds (KTM); 2. Chuck Hornsby (Yam); 3. Charles Pritchett (Kaw); 4. Herb Fish (Kaw); 5. Howard Love (Yam).

SPTSMN: 1. James Parry (Suz); 2. Brian Johnson (KTM); 3. Stephen Griner (KTM); 4. Jeff O'Leary (Hon); 5. Don Murphy (Hon).

JR: 1. Michael Carlton (Hon); 2. Scott Roegner (Suz); 3. John Wade (Suz); 4. David Howell (Kaw); 5. Trey Chote (Kaw).

WMN: 1. Lorie Whitmire (Kaw); 2. Lorena Hancock (KTM); 3. Cherie Lara (Kaw); 4. Carol Jones (Hon); 5. Myra Blair (Kaw).

Casados claims victory at ANW Motocross

By Jim Enos

HOLLISTER, CA, OCT. 26

Honda hotshoe Aaron Casados avoided a huge first-turn pileup in the second moto to claim the overall win in the 80cc Beginner class at round two of the third annual Merced Powersports/MSR Octoberfest Series, presented by AMP Motocross, at Hollister GP track.

For the second week in a row, the hard-working AMP crew provided an exciting day of racing at the always-challenging Hollister track. With more than 260 riders seeking that Sunday moto fix, racers were treated to a perfectly groomed track with a hillclimb-style uphill section that brought out the best of both rider and machine.

With a start gate filled with 20 restless 80cc Beginners, Suzuki pilot Eric Stone got the jump on the field with the holeshot. Following right behind Stone were Joe Shipman, Dustin Biaggini, Matthew Fernandes and Michael Carnes. Casados was quite a ways back in eighth position - but not for long. Casados quickly moved his Honda through the fast-moving field and, by the end of lap one, found himself in fourth place. Meanwhile, up front, Stone steadily increased his lead over the rest of the pack. Shipman and Fernandes would soon fade, and Biaggini quickly had company in the form of Carnes and his YZ. As the laps wound down, Biaggini desperately continued to hold the second position, and the scene was set for a battle for third as Casados quickly moved up to challenge Carnes. The two fought for every inside, berm-lined turn that the Hollister track had to offer, and it was finally Casados getting the better of Carnes as he made a gutsy pass over a tabletop jump.

Not satisfied with third, Casados quickly set his sights on Biaggini and made the pass on the white-flag lap. However, Stone had checked out up front, leaving no chance for an eager Casados to make a last-lap pass. When the checkered flag waved, it was Stone with a convincing win, followed by Casados, Biaggini, Carnes and Fernandes.

As the gate dropped in the second moto, the crowd could sense a Stone/Casados battle coming on. Unfortunately, it was not to be. As the riders crowded into the hairpin left-hander, Stone got caught up in a multi-rider pile-up. However, Casados made it through safely, and the running order was established, as Carnes got out front, followed by RM-mounted Ryan Phian, Casados, Guy Rose and Joseph Black.

Black would end up slowly moving his way back in the pack, as a smooth-riding Bobby Morello moved his way up into third place, followed by Fernandes and Sean Catocci.

Up front, Carnes and Casados pulled out a healthy lead on the rest of the pack, and in a turn just before the "Gravity Cavity," Casados made a pass for the lead. With Stone quite a ways back in the pack, Casados could smell victory and the overall as he continued to choose smooth lines and ride in control.

Carnes looked to have second place in the bag until a visit to the soil ended that plan. Moreno scooted by Carnes, and a rejuvenated Stone pulled right up behind the uprighted machine of Carnes. However, as the checkered flag came out, Stone couldn't make the pass on Carnes. The win would go to Casados, followed by Moreno, Carnes, Stone and Catocci.

Results

50 STK BEG: 1. Chris Gilbert (Yam); 2. Steven Sand (Yam); 3. Michael Conway Mees (Yam); 4. Preston Mull (Yam); 5. Ty Keenom (Suz).

50 STK BEG: 1. Brandon Reyna (Cob); 2. Ryan Martin (KTM); 3. Garrett Adams (KTM); 4. Cody Jackson (KTM); 5. Eric Poth (Cob).

50 STK NOV: 1. Jason Pirolo (Lem); 2. Matthew Williams (Lem).

50 MOD NOV: 1. Jason Pirolo (Lem).

60 BEG (0-8): 1. Kurtis Batey (Kaw); 2. Greg Fouts (Kaw); 3. Chase Eleluno (Kaw); 4. Nathan Hollister (Kaw); 5. Bobby Fouts (Kaw).

60 BEG (9-11): 1. Zack Ham (Kaw); 2. Kyle Kent (Kaw); 3. Denver Edwards (Kaw); 4. Andrew Waltermire (Kaw).

60 NOV (0-8): 1. Casey Hinson (Kaw); 2. Kyle Bergantz (Kaw).

60 INT (9-11): 1. Daniel Sani (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Aaron Casados (Hon); 2. Michael Carnes (Yam); 3. Bobby Morello (Yam); 4. Matthew Fernandez (Yam); 5. Dustin Biaggini (Yam).

80 NOV: 1. Cory McDaniel (Yam); 2. Daniel Sani (Suz); 3. Brett Markarian (Suz); 4. Aaron Bergantz. (Suz); 5. Josh Weatherly (Hon).

80 INT: 1. Ryan Morais (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Billy Jurevich (Yam); 2. Skip Norman (Yam); 3. Aaron Randolph (Suz); 4. Willie Lorscheider (Yam); 5. Adam Miller (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Tammerman Dieter (Yam); 2. Bryon Gordon (Suz); 3. Brian Storment (Yam); 4. Bobby Garcia (Suz); 5. Randy Norman (Hon).

125 INT: 1. Auggie Rodriguez (Hon); 2. Craig Truglio (Kaw); 3. Kenny Heess (Hon); 4. Beau Baron (Suz); 5. Nick McBride (Hon).

250 BEG: 1. Jim Copeland (Kaw); 2. Ben Nava (Suz); 3. Steve Snyder (Kaw); 4. Eric Rollin (Hon); 5. Mick Langston (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Brian Toline (Suz); 3. Randy Norman (Yam); 3. Doug Schmid (Hon); 4. Todd Espicha (Yam); 5. Bryan Byrne (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Cory Morais (Yam); 2. Paul Temmerman (Kaw); 3. Turtle Wikoff (Kaw); 4. Justin Cass (Suz); 5. Travis Marks (Yam).

25+ BEG: 1. Brandon Peterson (Hon); 2. Mike Mraz (Hon); 3. Dave Blaylock (Yam); 4. Anthony Lorscheider (Hon); 5. Randy Tufts (Yam).

25+ NOV: 1. Raymond Geimer (Hon).

25+ INT: 1. Ben Shank (Suz); 2. Judd Houck (Kaw); 3. Rick Mattos (Yam).

30+ BEG: 1. Jonathan Chapman (Yam); 2. Mark Rose (Kaw); 3. William Serpa (Yam); 4. Ray Keenom (Kaw); 5. Danny Monroe (Yam).

30+ NOV: 1. Danny Evans (Yam).

30+ TNT: 1. Alex Jorgensen (Kaw); 2. Andy Borth (Kaw); 3. Todd Townsend (Hon).

35+ BEG: 1. Rick Cervantes (Hon); 2. Jim Enos (Suz); 3. Mel Hinshaw (Hon); 4. David Diaz (Hon); 5. Vince Rondas (Suz).

35+ NOV: 1. William Carlson (Kaw); 2. Steven Blake (Yam); 3. Dave West (Hus); 4. Steve Allen (Kaw); 5. Tony Shipman (Kaw).

35+ INT: 1. Andy Borth (Kaw); 2. Alan Loreno (Hon).

40+ BEG: 1. Mike Jennings (Kaw); 2. Nick McKinnon (Yam).

40+ NOV: 1. Steve Allen (Kaw); 2. Al Whipple (Kaw); 3. Tim Donaldson (Kaw); 4. Moe Harwell (Yam); 5. Bobby Lynch (Yam).

40+ INT/MSTR: 1. Alex Jorgensen (Kaw); 2. Terry Huffer (Yam); 3. Steve Law (Kaw); 4. Pete Hann (Kaw); 5. Vern Holthouse (Kaw).

U/L BEG/NOV: 1. Brian Toline (Suz); 2. Bobby Garcia (Suz); 3. Mark Verhougstraete (Suz); 4. Mike Hunter (Suz); 5. Kelly Quinn (Suz).

U/L INT/PRO: 1. Cory Morais (Yam); 2. Alex Jorgensen (Kaw); 3. Judd Houck (Kaw); 4. Ryan Morais (Yam).

OTHG BEG: 1. Jonas Eklund (Kaw); 2. David Colyer (Hon); 3. Casey Winningham (Hon); 4. Greg Colyer (Hon); 5. Ron Clawson (Kaw).

OTHG NOV: 1. Matt Connoley (Hon); 2. Mark Andrews (KTM); 3. Bob Lepesh (Suz); 4. Robert Hanneuse (Yam); 5. Johnny Chavez (Hon).

OTHG INT: 1. Vince Macias (Hon); 2. Dennis Arnold (Hon); 3. John Traverso (Yam); 4. Mark Avery (Suz); 5. Philip Holmes (Hon).

OTHG EX: 1. Todd Townsend (Hon); 2. Paul Armada (Hon).

Carman conquers Hunt MX

By Michael Harasmisz
Photo by Hunt Racing

HUNT, NY, OCT. 5

Doug Carman took the overall win in the Senior C class with a 2-1 moto score on a Plug Racing-sponsored Yamaha at Hunt Motocross Park. Nearly 400 riders turned out to compete on the natural-terrain track. The track was left in near-perfect condition from a passing rainstorm that came through Saturday night, leaving the riders with excellent traction and many places to pass.

With 40 riders signed up in the Senior C class, it was split into two heats, with the top riders from each going to the final heat. Dean Shelters and Mike Johnson each won their respective heats, while Carman and Les Draudt each placed second in their respective first motos. Grabbing the early lead in the second moto was Carman, with Robert Ruehrwein and Rick Vernon close behind. They maintained their positions for the entire moto, with Carman taking the win and the overall victory. Ruehrwein was second, which was good for second overall. Vernon was third, but his first-moto 11th held him to eighth overall. Heat winner Johnson was sixth in the moto for third overall.

Seventeen riders lined up for the eighth annual Vintage Exhibition race, which was sponsored by Perry Cycle Works. The riders were given a parade lap and then lined up for their one moto. Taking the holeshot was Maico-mounted Mike Harasmisz, with Norman Smith on a Yamaha close behind. Mark Klein and Carman were in third and fourth. Harasmisz opened up a small lead, but Smith was holding tight and not losing much ground. By the last lap, they had opened up a large lead over Klein in third place. With the checkered flag in sight, lappers were making things interesting and Smith closed up on Harasmisz. Harasmisz took the win, though, with Smith a close second. Klein was third, with Carman in fourth.

Dan Mann took the oldest-bike award with his 1969 AJS Stormer, while Mark Murphy took the most original with an immaculate Rickman.

Results

P/W: 1. Chad Dunning (Cob); 2. Brandon Meier (Cob); 3. Colin Carman (Cob); 4. Jordan Gernstl (Cob); 5. John Sanders (Cob).

60: 1. Ryan McKenyon (Kaw); 2. Cody Dunning (Kaw); 3. Beau Nichols (Kaw); 4. Brandon Meier (Kaw); 5. Chad Dunning (Kaw).

MINI JR: 1. Brandon Kuhn (Suz); 2. Caleb Miller (Kaw); 3. Greg Guilfoil (Hon); 4. Donny Williams (Hon); 5. Michael McBain (Kaw).

MINI SR: 1. Joshua Cislo (Yam); 2. Patrick Jackson (Suz); 3. L.J. Partlow (Yam); 4. Josh Utberg (Kaw); 5. Pat Hooper (Hon).

MINI COMB: 1. Joshua Cislo (Yam); 2. Patrick Jackson (Suz); 3. Caleb Miller (Kaw); 4. Brandon Kuhn (Suz); 5. Josh Utberg (Kaw).

SCHBY: 1. Jimmy Miller (Kaw); 2. Bobby Silvarole (Kaw); 3. Josh Cislo (Yam); 4. Jamie Robinson (Kaw); 5. Fred Carbone (Hon).

16-24 COMB: 1. Scott Ghidiu (Kaw); 2. Brian Barber (Kaw); 3. Brian Sigel (Kaw); 4. Jake Ellsworth (Hon); 5. Matt Patteson (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Troy Damon (Suz); 2. James DiSalvo (Suz); 3. Chris Stahl (Kaw); 4. Chuck Hoffman (Kaw): 5. Shannon Lusk (Kaw).

250 BEG: 1. Steve Blaisdell (Kaw); 2. James DiSalvo (Kaw); 3. Jay Bush (Suz); 4. Chris Marcathy (Hon); 5. Rick Ashley (Hon).

125 NOV: 1. Jamie Robinson (Kaw); 2. Paul Herkimer (Hon); 3. Tyler Jerome (Yam); 4. Bobby Silvarole (Kaw); 5. Matt Myers (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Jeremy Tiffany (Suz); 2. Mark Murphy (Hon); 3. John Voight (KTM); 4. Mark Klein (Kaw); 5. Kurt Kline (Hon).

125 AM: 1. Matt Patteson (Yam); 2. Jimmy Miller (Kaw); 3. Brian Barber (Kaw); 4. Aaron Shepherd (Hus); 5. Joshua Miller (Suz).

250 AM: 1. Heath Wadhams (Kaw); 2. Jack Rosati (Kaw); 3. Brian Woodhams (Kaw); 4. Bradley Draudt (Suz); 5. Joe Celso (Kaw).

VINT/WDS: 1. Wayne Barber (Kaw); 2. Mark Gage (Yam); 3. Adam Mattison (Hon); 4. Glen Freidler (Hon); 5. Chris Kelly (Kaw).

25+ AM: 1. Wayne Barber (Kaw); 2. Michael Harasmisz (Kaw); 3. Kevin Howe (Yam); 4. Brian Broadwell (Suz); 5. David Carman (Yam).

25+ EX: 1. Billy Silvarole (Kaw); 2. Joe Ellington (Suz); 3. Tod King (Yam); 4. Paul Austin (Kaw); 5. Peter Phillips (Hon).

SR C: 1. Doug Carman (Yam); 2. Robert Ruehrwein (Yam); 3. Mike Johnson (Hon); 4. Dean Shelters (Kaw); 5. Dave Stupnick (Kaw).

VET: 1. Rich Dool (Kaw); 2. Michael Bender (KTM); 3. Bart Lucas (Suz); 4. Joe Fioco (Hon); 5. Paul Gardner (Hon).

125 EX: 1. Billy Silvarole (Kaw); 2. Joe Ellington (Suz); 3. Aaron Dieter (Suz); 4. Tod King (Yam); 5. Wilmer Caballero (Hon).

250 EX: 1. Billy Silvarole (Kaw); 2. Scott Ghidiu (Kaw); 3. Justin Berg (Kaw); 4. Peter Phillips (Hon); 5. Jake Ellsworth (Hon).

VINT EXHIB: 1. Michael Harasmisz (Mai); 2. Norman Smith (Yam); 3. Mark Klein (Kaw); 4. Doug Carman (Yam); 5. Ted Smith (Mai).

Truman tames Gatorback MX

By Kyle Myers

GAINESVILLE, FL, OCT. 25

Dan Truman used a 2-1 tally to win the Supermini division at round five of the Worldsports Florida Gold Cup Series, held at the Gatorback Cycle Park. Just over 575 riders competed on the nicely prepared course.

In the first Supermini moto, Davi Millsaps led the 38-rider field into turn one, with Ryan Davis, Troy Adams, Truman and Josh Faustino following. Davis and Adams quickly moved by Millsaps as they hit the gator pit. Truman made his move on lap two and slipped by Millsaps to run in third. Davis opened up a lead as Truman motored by Adams for second. Davis held on for the easy win, with Truman, Adams, Millsaps and Shane Lusk in fifth.

Truman charged out of the gate to start moto two, with Faustino, Spencer Jones, Stephen Douglass and Adams giving chase. Many positions changed on the first lap with the exception of the leader, Truman. Adams moved into the second spot, with Faustino and Brian Gray rounding out the top four. Truman continued to lead as Gray flew by Faustino and then Adams, who ran into trouble and dropped way back. When the checkered flag came out, Truman sailed across the finish line to record the win over Gray, Faustino and Bryan Johnson, and Lusk rounded out the top five after a midpack start.

New A-class rider Matt Walker scored the upset of the day as he won both motos in the Open Pro division. Honda of Troy/AXO-backed Walker collected the largest share of the purse as he beat three nationally ranked riders: Anthony Pocorobba, Jason Thomas and Paul Currie. In moto one, Walker had to work his way by Currie to score the win, and by Pocorobba in moto two. Pocorobba finished second with a 4-2 tally.

John Lundy and Tyson Hadsell were the only double class winners on this day of great racing. Lundy won the Over 30 and Over 35 classes, while Hadsell topped the 125cc Youth and 125cc B classes.

Results

P/W (4-6): 1. Josh Humphries (Cob); 2. Colten Maynard (Cob); 3. Brad Bollmann (Cob); 4. Max Rash (Cob); 5. Bubba Crosby (Cob).

P/W (7-8): 1. Ricky Renner (Act); 2. T.J. Rhonelli (Cob); 3. Kyle Keylon (Cob); 4. Mike Nicolini (Cob); 5. Colton Winebrenner (Cob).

60 (7-11): 1. Bryan Johnson (Kaw); 2. Kyle Chisholm (Kaw); 3. Davi Millsaps (Kaw); 4. Jimmy Keyes (Kaw); 5. Jake Griggis (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Shane Lusk (Hon); 2. Davi Millsaps (Suz); 3. Andrew Matusek (Suz); 4. Kyle Chisholm (Suz); 5. Jimmy Keyes (Kaw).

80 (12-13): 1. Troy Adams (Yam); 2. Brian Gray (Yam); 3. Don McGourty (Suz); 4. Jesse Richards (Yam); 5. Chad Ward (Hon).

80 (14-15): 1. Tyson Hadsell (Yam); 2. Clint Shealy (Yam); 3. Andrei Boloni (Suz); 4. Tom Parsons (Kaw); 5. Matt Johnson (Hon).

80 (14-13): 1. Josh Faustino (Suz): 2. Shawn Mayo (Kaw); 3. Brandon Butler (Hon); 4. Mike McGourty (Kaw); 5. Derrick Stearns (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. Dan Truman (Kaw); 2. Brian Gray (Yam); 3. Shane Lusk (Hon); 4. Josh Faustino (Suz); 5. Brandon Butler (Hon).

16-24: 1. Adrian Cantero (Hon); 2. Eddie Ray (Kaw); 3. Forrest Butler (Hon); 4. Lee Tatham (Kaw); 5. J.D. Holmes (Yam).

125 A: 1. Paul Currie (Kaw); 2. Anthony Pocorobba (Suz); 3. Jarrett Tipping (Suz); 4. Marcus Pedrero (Suz); 5. Jason Thomas (Kaw).

125 B: 1. Tyson Hadsell (Yam); 2. Andrei Boloni (Suz); 3. Buddy Duffy (Yam); 4. Clint Shealy (Yam); 5. Luke Montgomery (Suz).

125 C: 1. Matt Johnson (Hon); 2. Tom Parsons (Kaw); 3. Jason Smith (Suz); 4. Greg Berteaux (Hon); 5. Steve Rhoades (Yam).

250 A: 1. Anthony Pocorobba (Suz); 2. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 3. Jarrett Tipping (Suz); 4. Adrian Cantero (Hon); 5. Rudy Waller (Yam).

250 B: 1. Jeremy Shuttleworth (Suz); 2. Forrest Butler (Hon); 3. Tim Eggers (Suz); 4. Luke Montgomery (Suz); 5. Steve Dumond (Yam).

250 C: 1. Mike Taylor (Suz); 2. Brad Ruel (Yam); 3. Robin James (Yam); 4. Donnie Marshall (Kaw); 5. Troy Nadal (Kaw).

25+: 1. Marcus Pedrero (Suz); 2. Mark Beamer (Kaw); 3. Jeff Lampe (Suz); 4. Steve Dumond (Suz); 5. Tim Baker (Kaw).

30+: 1. John Lundy (Hon); 2. Mark Beamer (Kaw); 3. Billy Wood (Yam); 4. Lee McIlvaine (Yam); 5. Ed Kiley (Hon).

35+: 1. John Lundy (Hon); 2. Tim Eggers (Suz); 3. Rick Perry (Yam); 4. Willis Brock (Suz); 5. Flip Page (Yam).

40+: 1. Eric Harvey (Yam); 2. Dave Ellis (Hon); 3. Jeff Hughes (Kaw); 4. Tom Bragg (Hus); 5. Doug Harvey (Yam).

50+: 1. Tom Bragg (Hus); 2. Tom Fogg (Yam); 3. Ernie Millan (Hon); 4. Paul Lesson (Mai); 5. John Raulerson (Hon).

OPEN NOV: 1. Mike Bragg (Hon); 2. Ron Crews (Kaw); 3. John Gillespie (Hon); 4. Joe Pearce (Kaw); 5. Tom Schaffner (Hon).

PRO: 1. Matt Walker (Hon); 2. Anthony Pocorobba (Suz); 3. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 4. Jarrett Tipping (Suz); 5. Ronnie Renner (KTM).

Townsend, Anderson hot at CRC Motocross

By Greg Robertson

PALMDALE, CA, OCT. 26

The opening round of California Racing Club's 10th annual Sponsorship Series, held at Los Angeles County Raceway, saw Kevin Townsend and Eric Anderson totally dominate the 125cc Intermediate and 125cc Novice classes, respectively.

Some days at the track, everything just goes your way. Today was one of those days for Townsend, as he pulled a couple of perfect holeshots on his Mid Cities/Bill's Pipes-sponsored CR125 and ran away with a pair of effortless-looking wins.

Gerrit Ordelman held on to second place for the first few laps of moto one until he went down in the sand and handed the position to Gary Trachy. Trachy and Greg Andrew traded the runner-up position back and forth until Andrew ran off the track on the last lap, allowing Nick Mairose to slip into third just before the checkers.

As Townsend disappeared with the second-moto win, a battle started to shape up for second between Trachy, Travis Smith, Mairose and Chris Thompson. Trachy went down hard off a jump and was too bent to continue. Mairose hounded Smith all the way to the finish but couldn't make the pass. Mairose's consistent 3-3 finishes earned the second-place trophy over the 6-2 of Smith.

Mike Meadows was quickest out of the gate and led the first 125cc Novice moto. By the end of lap one, Anderson and Donnie Durrer had both passed Meadows and were arguing over the lead. Anderson started to pull away from Durrer at the midway point when lappers came into play. Anderson took off in the final laps to win with a comfortable margin over Durrer. Meadows finished third, ahead of Jeff Eide and Eddie Laret.

Meadows proved that he has got one quick YZ, as he grabbed his second holeshot of the day over Anderson, Matt Goldsmith and Jeremy Ferro. Just as in moto one, Anderson had control by the end of lap one and was pulling away from Meadows. By lap three, Anderson had 10 seconds on Goldsmith, who inherited second place when Meadows slid out in a whoop section. Anderson easily picked up the win with no one else in sight. Goldsmith finished a few feet ahead of Laret, who put in a great charge from his 10th-place start. Eric Willis held off Eide at the checkers for fourth.

Results

P/W YAM: 1. Mikey Garcia (Yam); 2. Shana Rhinehart (Yam); 3. Brandon Doll (Yam); 4. Chris Bell (Yam); 5. Shawn Rhinehart (Yam).

S/STK (0-6): 1. Brandon Doll.

S/STK (7-9): 1. Nicholas Evans (KTM); 2. Ken Slater (Cob); 3. Preston Lundin (KTM); 4. Shawn Butler (Act); 5. Nathan Search (KTM).

MOD: 1. Tanner Langham (CEF).

S/P/W: 1. Tanner Langham (CEF); 2. Trent Pugmire (Lem).

P/W BG TRK: 1. Tanner Langham (CEF); 2. Nicholas Evans (KTM); 3. Jacob Buelna (Lem); 4. Nathan Search (KTM); 5. Justin Mulford (Lem).

60 BEG: 1. James Williams (Kaw); 2. Justin Mulford (Kaw); 3. Bobby Hesse (Kaw); 4. Shana Rhinehart (Kaw); 5. Tyler McComb (Kaw).

60 (0-8): 1. Jonathan Arana (Kaw); 2. Tye Hames (Kaw); 3. Douglas Carter (Kaw); 4. Timmy Ritzler (Kaw); 5. Steven Hall (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Randall Hall (Kaw); 2. Cody Sandefer (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Kyle Foltz (Kaw); 2. Brian Melsheimer (Yam); 3. Andrew Petrie (Kaw); 4. Kevin Williams (Yam); 5. Mike Epstein (Hon).

80 (7-11): 1. Scott Simon (Suz); 2. Matt Gomez (Suz); 3. Dave Carter (Kaw); 4. Troy Tittlemier (Hon); 5. Bruce Wilkinson (Hon).

80 (12-13): 1. Daryl Ecklund (Yam); 2. Scott Howe (Yam); 3. Jason Medina; 4. Anthony Barbacovi (Yam); 5. Jamie Klein (Hon).

80 (14-16): 1. Levi Reid (Yam); 2. Johner Faulkner (Hon); 3. Mark Valcore (Yam); 4. Sam Scanlon (Hon).

B/W: 1. Dusty Bradly (Kaw).

125 BEG: 1. Jimmy Eberle (Yam); 2. Eugene Wheeler (Yam); 3. William Klein (Kaw); 4. Jay Lewis (Suz); 5. Kevin Jennings (Suz).

125 NOV: 1. Eric Anderson (Kaw); 2. Eddie Laret (Kaw); 3. Matt Goldsmith (Yam); 4. Jeff Eide (Hon); 5. Donnie Durrer (Suz).

125 INT: 1. Kevin Townsend (Hon); 2. Nick Mairose (KTM); 3. Travis Smith (Kaw); 4. Kris Blomdahl (Suz); 5. Greg Andrew (Suz).

250 BEG: 1. Andy Ashlock (Kaw); 2. Jason Allen (Kaw); 3. Mike Moye (Hon); 4. Dennis Wagoner (Hon); 5. Dylan Baca (Kaw).

250 NOV: 1. Ryan Doty (Kaw); 2. Jeff Talbert (Hon); 3. Branden Milstead (Suz); 4. Justin Witcher (Hon); 5. Eddie Laret (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Jon Zahrt (Kaw); 2. Chris Neitzel (Kaw); 3. Nick Mairose (Suz); 4. Gary Trachy (Yam); 5. Todd Campbell (Kaw).

250 PRO: 1. Takeshi Kolkeda (Yam); 2. Bill Sauro (Kaw); 3. Taka Atsuta (Suz); 4. Akira Narita (Hon); 5. Yoshitaka Atsuta (Hon).

500 NOV: 1. Tyson Tittlemier (Hon); 2. Darren Staffer (Hon); 3. Norm Schiel (Hon).

JR VET BEG: 1. Steve Williams (Hon); 2. David Aceves (Suz); 3. Keith Samson (Yam); 4. Shy Moshe (Suz); 5. Brad Herch (Hon).

JR VET NOV: 1. William Welchhance (Hon); 2. Assaf Alush (Hon); 3. Dave Riley (Kaw); 4. Bruce Richards (Kaw); 5. Gabi Abayou (Hon).

JR VET INT: 1. Robbie Dunham (Yam); 2. Willie Kennedy (Hon); 3. Chuck Kober (Suz); 4. Dennis Urban (Suz); 5. Brad Pietro (Suz).

VET BEG: 1. Russ Schouler (Hon); 2. Ray Ritzler (Kaw); 3. Andy Flum (Yam); 4. Sean Ireland (Hon).

VET NOV: 1. Steve Moreno (Hon); 2. Joe Villegas (Hon); 3. Todd Clark (Kaw); 4. John Knight (Hon); 5. Bruce Richards (Kaw).

VET INT: 1. Mike Licitra (Hon); 2. Karl Allen (Hon); 3. Tony Bienert (Kaw); 4. Vince Baioni (Hon).

VET EX-PRO: 1. Tim Telford (Hon); 2. Jon Zahrt (Kaw); 3. Tod Sciacqua (Kaw).

SR AM: 1. Fred Willis (Kaw); 2. Bob Dunham (Yam); 3. Michael Burnett (Suz); 4. Rick Bohannan (Kaw); 5. Francisco Buelna (Yam).

SR EX: 1. Willie Kennedy (Hon); 2. Karl Allen (Hon); 3. Steve Clark (Suz); 4. Randy Anderson (Yam); 5. Norm Schiel (Hon).

Casas returns to MX in style

By Tony Alessi

CASTAIC, CA, OCT. 26

Eric "Little Guy" Casas returned to racing today after a layoff of nearly one year due to injuries, and he celebrated his return to racing with a win in the Vet Intermediate class during the SSC Pit Pro Factory Sponsorship series finale held at Castaic Motocross.

"I shattered my arm a year ago," Casas said. "I am preparing for the SSC Thousand Oaks Kawasaki Series that starts in three weeks. I bought a new bike, and I am going to practice and race every week until the series starts in mid-November."

Things didn't start off so well for Casas, though, after he nearly fouled a spark plug just after the start. "My bike blubbered for almost two laps," Casas explained. "Then it started clearing out."

While Casas struggled near the back of the pack with an ill cycle, Novice rider "Bad" Brad Thorn led the troops up front, but only briefly. "I looked backed and didn't see anyone," Thorn said. "I said to myself, 'You've got this won,' so I was just going to cruise it home. About that moment, my front end washed out in this turn and I was down."

Taking the lead was Guto Lima, here in the United States from Minas Gerais, Brazil. "We have no budget for this," Lima said. "We have been sleeping in our van for the last four days to race all the California local races and then the Vet championships."

Lima, who is the current Juis De Fora State Champion in Brazil, took his Kaiser Beer-backed Suzuki all the way to the checkered flag for the first-moto win. Casas got it together and charged past most of the field to post a well-earned second at the finish, while Greg Brills on his Fox-backed Honda rounded out the top three.

Thorn was once again the start master and led the second Vet Novice/Intermediate moto. The real race, however, was reserved for Casas and Lima; they both made short work of Thorn and waged a private battle for the overall victory. Casas stalked Lima and pressured him in almost every turn by showing his front fender, his wheel and even his elbow. Casas made the pass of the day during the final lap when he railed the outside of a turn, pulled up next to the Brazilian, rubbed elbows in midair and made the move. Casas took it home for the moto win and overall victory, to the delight of the Castaic crowd, while Lima settled for second.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Kyle Smith (KTM).

50 (4-6) YAM: 1. Shawn Williamson (Yam).

50 (7-9): 1. Bryce Terzian (KTM); 2. Brian Moore (Lem); 3. Jimmy Bennett (KTM).

50 (7-9) YAM: 1. Justin Enbanks (Yam).

60 (0-8): 1. Jeff Alessi (Kaw); 2. Dennis Brown (Kaw); 3. Kyle Smith (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Tate Misiaszek (Kaw); 2. Ryan Malherre (Kaw); 3. Sergio Montero (Kaw); 4. C.J. Marin (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Tate Misiaszek (Kaw); 2. Brett Rothas (Kaw); 3. Josh Bagge (Hon); 4. Adam Taki (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Brett Mountain (Yam).

80 (12-16): 1. Kevin Hunter (Yam); 2. Richard Enbanks (Yam); 3. Michael Hale (Kaw).

125 BEG: 1. Che Hatchett (Suz); 2. Thunder Wessels (Yam); 3. T.J. Berario (Kaw); 4. Kenneth Brymer (Yam); 5. Justin Bagge (Hon).

125 NOV: 1. Brad Terry (Yam); 2. Luis Vasquez (Kaw); 3. Brian Terry (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Tyson Taylor (Hon); 2. Damon Bivens (Suz); 3. Mike Gibson (Kaw); 4. Mike Weed (Yam); 5. Mike Miller (Hon).

250 BEG: 1. David Ravo (Hon); 2. Dave Beck (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Mike Milled (Kaw); 2. Brad Terry (Yam); 3. Brian Terry (Yam); 4. Rod Libbons (Kaw); 5. Eric Grupp (Hon).

250 INT: 1. Gato Zima (Suz).

JR VET BEG: 1. Rodolfo Rezeade (Yam); 2. Brad Bailey (Yam).

JR VET NOV: 1. Rod Zima (Suz); 2. Rod Torreylbo (Yam); 3. Sergio Palmares (Kaw).

JR VET INT: 1. Greg Brills (Hon); 2. Luis Alvarez (Hon).

VET BEG: 1. Mark Fields (Yam); 2. Mike Malherbe (Yam).

VET NOV: 1. Brad Thorn (Yam); 2. Rich Winkler (Suz); 3. Raulo Montero (Hon); 4. Carlos Sohineten (Yam); 5. Rodrigo Torrealba (Yam).

VET INT: 1. Eric Casas (Kaw); 2. Guto Lima (Suz); 3. Greg Brills (Hon).

Springer on fire at Castaic OTHG MX

By Chris Sanchirico

CASTAIC LAKE, CA, OCT. 26

Despite the cool October morning at Castaic MX Park, Louie Springer was red-hot when he turned in a 1-1 to win the Over 38 Novice class at an Over The Hill Gang motocross.

Michael Rigdon timed the gate to perfection to propel his CR to the head of the class in the first moto, with Greg Bebeck, Stuart Pike, Michael Yelton and Springer in tow. Bebeck made quick work of Rigdon to take the lead, and did his best to separate his YZ from the pack. Pike, a newcomer to the Novice class, proved he was up to the challenge by passing Rigdon for second. On lap three, Springer quickly disposed of Rigdon and Pike, and set his sights on the leader, Bebeck, who had a comfortable lead. The top four racers left the pack and came up on lapped traffic. Springer chopped away at Bebeck's lead and seized the opportunity to utilize his 125's nimbleness, slicing through the lappers - and Bebeck - to take over the lead. Springer never looked back, using lappers as blockers to keep Bebeck at bay all the way to the finish line. As the top two were dueling, Pike quietly worked his way up to Bebeck's rear wheel. On the final lap, Pike was all over Bebeck but was unable to get by.

Moto-two action saw Rigdon again put his CR up front off the start. In hot pursuit were Robert Esparza, Springer, Jim Pierce and Steve Gilmore, who looped out over a double jump in moto one. Springer was in the zone and looked very comfortable on the technical track, and wasted little time in taking second from Esparza. Then, on lap two, Springer made a clean, aggressive pass on the inside of a turn to blow by Rigdon for the lead. Springer then put his YZ on cruise control and checked out to take the win and the overall victory.

Meanwhile, there was a battle raging for the second through fifth spots, with YZ pilots Bebeck and Pierce contesting the fourth position. The two picked up the pace and worked their way around Rigdon to claim third and fourth, relegating Rigdon to fifth. Bebeck found some late-moto energy, distancing himself from Pierce and charging to the rear wheel of Esparza in second. On the last lap, Bebeck passed Esparza over the tabletop jump, but then bobbled out of the turn, allowing Esparza to reclaim second. Bebeck recouped quickly and put intense pressure on Esparza through the whoop section. In the very last turn, Bebeck pulled out all the stops to steal second from Esparza at the checkers by a wheel. CN

(Left) Kevin Townsend soared to victory in the 125cc Intermediate class at the opening round of California Racing Club's 10th annual Sponsorship Series in Palmdale, California.
(Above) Eric Casas returned to racing after breaking his arm a year ago, and rolled away with the Vet Intermediate-class win at the SSC Pit Pro Factory Contingency Motocross Series, held at Castaic Motocross in California.

Results

BEG: 1. Steve Latham; 2. Jeff McEntee; 3. Joey Morales; 4. Tim Farley; 5. Kirby Smith.

38+ BEG: 1. Steve Evans; 2. Dean Townsend; 3. Bill Billings.

NOV: 1. Rocky Hash; 2. Doug Lovett; 3. Dan Leahey; 4. Sam Rodriguez; 5. Gary Taylor.

38+ NOV: 1. Louie Springer; 2. Robert Esparza; 3. Jim Pierce; 4. Mike Rigdon; 5.Stuart Pikers.

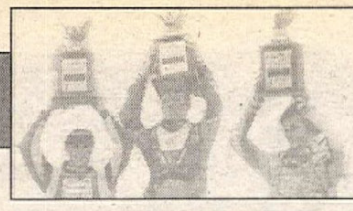
INT: 1. Chris Sanchirico; 2. Phil Means; 3. Dave Rodriguez; 4. Tim McEntee; 5.David Peifer.

38+ INT: 1. Bill Schultz; 2. Kirk Lukrofka; 3. Jon Lundberg; 4. Chris Cumbo; 5. Cameron Moore.

EX: 1. Chuck Bennet; 2. Scott Roostberger; 3. Tom Pelle; 4. Bruce Criswell; 5. Roger Hayes.

38+ EX: 1. Paul Needles; 2. James Coppedge; 3. Rich Winkler; 4. Gary Schelder; 5. Rob Townley.

PRO: 1. Jim Henn; 2. Tony Rodriguez; 3. Mark Sirota.



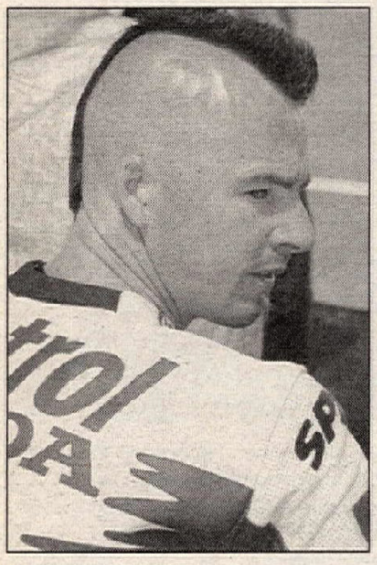
LEADERBOARD

1997 Championship Point Standings

ROAD RACING

FIM 500cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 15 of 15 rounds)

1. Michael Doohan (Hon), Australia (340/12 wins)
2. Tadayuki Okada (Hon), Japan (197/1 wins)
3. Nobuatsu Aoki (Hon), Japan (179)
4. Alex Criville (Hon), Spain (172/2 wins)
5. Takuma Aoki (Hon), Japan (134)
6. Luca Cadalora (Yam), Italy (129)
7. Norifumi Abe (Yam), Japan (126)
8. Carlos Checa (Hon), Spain (119)
9. Alex Barros, (Hon), Brazil (101)
10. Doriano Romboni (Apr), Italy (88)



AARON SLIGHT

FIM 250cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 15 of 15 rounds)

1. Max Biaggi (Hon), Italy (250/5 wins)
2. Ralf Waldmann (Hon), Germany (248/4 wins)
3. Tetsuya Harada (Apr), Japan (235/3 wins)
4. Olivier Jacque (Hon), France (201/2 wins)
5. Tohru Ukawa (Hon), Japan (173)
6. Loris Capirossi (Apr), Italy (116)
7. Takeshi Tsujimura (Hon), Japan (109)
8. Haruchika Aoki (Hon), Japan (102)
9. Stefano Perugini (Apr), Italy (85)
10. Jeremy McWilliams (Hon), Great Britain (73)

FIM 125cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 15 of 15 rounds)

1. Valentino Rossi (Apr), Italy (321/11 wins)
2. Noburo Ueda (Hon), Japan (238/4 wins)
3. Tomomi Manako (Hon), Japan (190)
4. Kazuto Sakata (Apr), Japan (179)
5. Masaki Tokudome (Apr), Japan (120)
6. Jorge Martinez (Apr), Spain (119)
7. Garry McCoy (Apr), Australia (109)
8. Roberto Locatelli (Hon), Italy (97)
9. Frederic Petit (Hon), France (83)
   Mirko Giansanti (Hon), Italy (83)

FIM WORLD SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 12 of 12 rounds)

1. John Kocinski (Hon), Modesto, CA (416/9 wins)
2. Carl Fogarty (Duc), Great Britain (358/6 wins)
3. Aaron Slight (Hon), New Zealand (345/3 wins)
4. Akira Yanagawa (Kaw), Japan (247/2 wins)
5. Simon Crafar (Kaw), New Zealand (234)
6. Scott Russell (Yam), Jonesboro, GA (226)
7. Pier-Francesco Chili (Duc), Italy (209/3 wins)
8. Jamie Whitham (Suz), England (140)
9. Neil Hodgson (Duc), Great Britain (137)
10. Piergiorgio Bontempi (Kaw), Italy (118)

AMA/MBNA SUPERBIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 10 of 10 rounds)

1. Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA (304/1 win)
2. Miguel DuHamel (Hon), Canada (292/4 wins)
3. Mat Mladin (Duc), Australia (288/4 wins)
4. Steve Crevier (Hon), Canada (269)
5. Aaron Yates (Suz), Milledgeville, GA (256)
6. Pascal Picotte (Suz), Canada (239)
7. Tom Kipp (Yam), Chardon, OH (213)
8. Larry Pegram (Suz), Baltimore, OH (189)
9. Paul Harrell (Yam), Canyon Country, CA (159)
10. Tripp Nobles (H-D), Macon, GA (151)

AMA/PRO HONDA OILS 600cc SUPERSPORT SERIES
(After 11 of 11 rounds)

1. Miguel DuHamel (Hon), Canada (347/5 wins)
2. Pascal Picotte (Suz), Canada (341/4 wins)
3. Aaron Yates (Suz), Milledgeville, GA (322/2 wins)
4. Steve Crevier (Hon), Canada (279)
5. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (267)
6. Rich Oliver (Yam), Fresno, CA (218)
7. Tom Kipp (Yam), Chardon, OH (211)
8. Mike Smith (Kaw), Canton, GA (208)
9. Jamie Hacking (Kaw), Spartanburg, SC (204)
10. Larry Pegram (Suz), Baltimore, OH (201)

AMA/TEAMLINE 750cc SUPERSPORT SERIES
(After 10 of 10 rounds)

1. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (351/8 wins)
2. Ben Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (246)
3. Dale Keiffer (Suz), Las Vegas, NV (224)
4. Richard Alexander Jr. (Suz), Carmel, NY (219)
5. Doug Polen (Suz), Denton, TX (219/1 win)
6. Mark Miller (Suz), Long Beach, CA (186)
7. Chris Rankin (Suz), Austin, TX (182)
8. John Jacobbi (Suz), Noblesville, IN (174)
9. Dax Snow (Suz), Las Vegas, NV (170)
10. Rad Greaves (Hon), Ann Arbor, MI (146)

AMA/ELF FUELS 250cc GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 10 of 10 rounds)

1. Rich Oliver (Yam), Fresno, CA (360/10 wins)
2. Bobby Keith (Hon), Redwood City, CA (252)
3. Greg Esser (Yam), Pompano Beach, FL (214)
4. Mark Foster (Yam), San Juan Capistrano, CA (204)
5. Randy Renfrow (Hon), Fredericksburg, VA (201)
6. John France (Hon), Melbourne, FL (190)
7. Matt Wait (Hon), Lodi, CA (166)
8. Leon Cortes (Yam), Costa Rica (160)
9. Al Salaverria (Apr), San Francisco, CA (153)
10. Roland Sands (Yam), Long Beach, CA (151)

AMA/PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE HARLEY-DAVIDSON SUPERTWINS SERIES
(After 11 of 11 rounds)

1. Eric Bostrom, El Segundo, CA (386/10 wins)
2. Dave Estok, Daytona Beach, FL (337)
3. Jake Zemke, Paso Robles, CA (289)
4. Jody Hendley, Mission Viejo, CA (244)
5. Jerry Casciero Jr., Bel Air, MD (212)
6. Nate Wait, Lodi, CA (206/1 win)
7. Jeff Eklund, Pleasanton, CA (166)
8. Jess Roeder, Monroeville, OH (154)
9. Jeffrey Johnson, Minneapolis, MN (152)
10. Lance Jones, Anderson, SC (150)

AMA/PIRELLI FORMULA XTREME SERIES
(After 9 of 9 rounds)

1. Andrew Stroud (Hon), New Zealand (316/7 wins)
2. Doug Toland (Hon), Buena Park, CA (267)
3. Dale Kieffer (Suz), St. George, UT (215)
4. Brian Gibbs (Suz), Stockbridge, GA (165)
5. James Randolph (Suz), Santa Rosa, CA (131)
6. Jimmy Moore (Suz), Eugene, OH (124)
7. Paul Harrell (Yam), Canyon Country, CA (122/1win)
8. Scott Ruehle (Suz), St. Cloud, MN (107)
9. Terry Teske (Suz), Aurora, CO (92)
10. Ben Welch (Suz), San Diego, CA (91)

SUNOCO RACE FUELS/FORMULA USA SERIES
(After 7 of 8 rounds)

1. Dave Sadowski (Hon), Jefferson, GA (413/4 wins)
2. Tray Batey (Suz), Gallatin, TN (352/4 wins)
3. Fritz Kling (Yam), Lansing, MI (338)
4. Jason Fraser (Hon), Snohomish, WA (328)
5 Eric Wood (Kaw), Mansfield, MA (321/1 win)
6. Andy Deatherage (Kaw), Cleveland, OH (302)
7. Lee Shierts (Suz), Troutman, NC (282)
8. Grant Lopez (Suz), Mobile, AL (280)
9. Michael Fitzpatrick (Suz), Columbia, MD (245)
10. Steve Grigg (Kaw), Ashville, NC (209)

MOTOCROSS

THOR/PARTS UNLIMITED AMA SUPERCROSS SERIES
(After 15 of 15 rounds)

1. Jeff Emig (Kaw), Riverside, CA (293/5 wins)
2. Jeremy McGrath (Suz), Canyon Lake, CA (278/2 wins)
3. Ezra Lusk (Yam), Bainbridge, GA (251/2 wins)
4. Larry Ward (Hon), Florence, SC (230)
5. Greg Albertyn (Suz), Riverside, CA (206/1 win)
6. Mike LaRocco (Suz), South Bend, IN (203)
7. Doug Henry (Yam), Oxford, CT (175/3 wins)
8. Damon Bradshaw (Hon), Homedale, ID (166)
9. Jimmy Button (Yam), Phoenix, AZ (152)
10. Ryan Hughes (Kaw), Temecula, CA (145)

AMA EASTERN REGIONAL 125cc SUPERCROSS SERIES
(After 7 of 7 rounds)

1. Tim Ferry (Suz), Largo, FL (146)
2. Stephane Roncada (Hon), France (135/2 wins)
3. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw), Havana, FL (123/3 wins)
4. Greg Schnell (Yam), Rancho Cucamonga, CA (97)
5. John Dowd (Yam), Chicopee, MA (86/2 wins)
6. Scott Sheak (Hon), Germantown, NY (84)
7. Jeff Dement (Kaw), Humble, TX (78)
8. Brock Sellards (Kaw), New Philadelphia, OH (77)
9. Jim Neese (Suz), Greensboro, NC (59)
10. Robbie Skaggs (Hon), Macon, GA (57)

BUDDY ANTUNEZ

AMA WESTERN REGIONAL 125cc SUPERCROSS SERIES
(After 7 of 7 rounds)

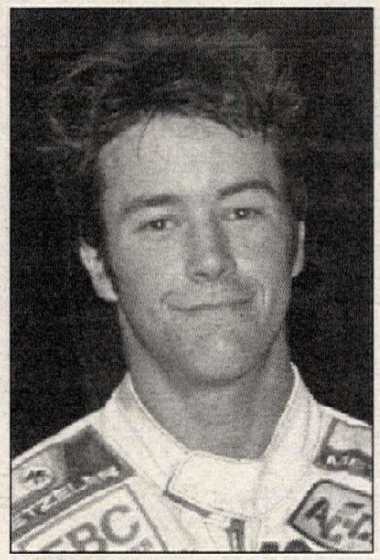
1. Kevin Windham (Yam), Baton Rouge, LA (153/5 wins)
2. Robbie Reynard (Hon), Norman, OK (131)
3. Casey Johnson (Kaw), Murrieta, CA (111)
4. David Vuillemin (Yam), France (104/1 win)
5. Casey Lytle (Hon), Santa Clarita, CA (85)
6. Craig Decker (Kaw), Palm Desert, CA (83)
7. Pedro Gonzalez (Kaw), Mexico (78)
8. Shaun Perolio (Hon), Saugus, CA (76)
9. Corey Keeney (Yam), Oakdale, MN (62)
10. Nathan Ramsey (Suz), Hixon, TX (60)

AMA 250cc NATIONAL MOTOCROSS C'SHIP SERIES
(After 13 of 13 rounds)

1. Jeff Emig (Kaw), Riverside, CA (591/7 wins)
2. John Dowd (Yam), Chicopee, MA (485/3 wins)
3. Jeremy McGrath (Suz), Canyon Lake, CA (433)
4. Larry Ward (Hon), Florence, SC (376)
5. Mike LaRocco (Suz), South Bend, IN (372)
6. Ezra Lusk (Yam), Bainbridge, CA (367/1 win)
7. Ryan Hughes (Kaw), Temecula, CA (354)
8. Greg Albertyn (Suz), South Africa (330/1 win)
9. Jimmy Button (Yam), Phoenix, AZ (281)
9. Damon Bradshaw (Hon), Homedale, ID (276/1 win)

AMA 125cc NATIONAL MOTOCROSS C'SHIP SERIES
(After 13 of 13 rounds)

1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw), Havana, FL (563/8 wins)
2. Kevin Windham (Yam), Baton Rouge, LA (468/3 wins)
3. Scott Sheak (Hon), Germantown, NY (384/1 win)
4. Mickael Pichon (Suz), France (354)
5. Stephane Roncada (Hon), France (323)
6. Casey Johnson (Kaw), Murrieta, CA (279)
7. Damon Huffman (Kaw), Acton, CA (277/1 win)
8. Tim Ferry (Suz), Largo, FL (271)
9. Steve Lamson (Hon), Riverside, CA (261)
9. Robbie Reynard (Hon), Norman, OK (256)



JOHNNY MURPHREE

DIRT TRACK

AMA GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 22 of 22 rounds)

1. Scott Parker (H-D), Swartz Creek, MI (385/8 wins)
2. Will Davis (H-D), Goldsboro, NC (349/7 wins)
3. Kevin Atherton (H-D), White Pigeon, MI (309/3 wins)
4. Rich King (Hon), Waterloo, IA (297/2 wins)
5. Ricky Graham (Hon), Salinas Valley, CA (248)
6. Davey Camlin (H-D), Rock Island, IL (225)
7. Joe Kopp (H-D), Mica, WA (220/1 win)
8. Jay Springsteen (H-D), Lapeer, MI (219)
9. Steve Morehead (H-D), Findlay, OH (161)
10. Mike Hacker (H-D), Prince George, VA (152)

AMA HARLEY-DAVIDSON 883cc NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 13 of 13 rounds)

1. Davey Camlin, Rock Island, IL (242/7 wins)
2. Jess Roeder, Monroeville, OH (235/2 wins)
3. Mike Hacker, Prince George, VA (187/1 win)
4. Shaun Russell, San Jose, CA (164/1 win)
5. Johnny Murphree, Paso Robles, CA (152/1 win)
6. J.R. Schnabel, West Bend, WI (146)
7. Robert Miller, New Holland, PA (130)
8. Billy Martin, Stockton, CA (100)
9. Paul Bergstrom, Foster City, CA (96)
10. Willie McCoy, Richardsen, TX (83)

OFF-ROAD

AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURO SERIES
(After 8 of 9 rounds)

1. Michael Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (221/5 wins)*
2. Ty Davis (Kaw), Hesperia, CA (110/2 wins)
   Matt Stavish (KTM), Blaine, MN (110)
4. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (109)
5. Craig Holasek (KTM), Anoka, MN (63)
6. Mike Monroe (Yam), Alabaster, AL (55)
7. Donnie Book (Kaw), Gypsum, CO (47)
8. Scott Bright (Kaw), Greeley, CO (45)
9. Forrest Tobin (KTM), Casper, WY (36)
10. Jeff Fredette (Kaw), Beecher, IL (34)

*clinched championship

AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HARE & HOUND SERIES
(After 5 of 7 rounds)

1. Ty Davis (Kaw), Hesperia, CA (150/5 wins)*
2. Nick Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (95)
3. Donnie Book (Kaw), Gypsum, CO (88)
4. Brian Brown (Kaw), Nampa, ID (69)
5. Dave Hamel (Kaw), Sparks, NV (62)
6. Russell Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (59)
7. Paul Krause (Kaw), Irvine, CA (54)
8. Destry Abbott (KTM), Phoenix, AZ (51)
9. Ed McCoy (Kaw), Virginia City, NV (47)
10. Jeff Capt (Hon), Lakewood, CA (44)

*clinched championship

AMA NATIONAL C'SHIP HARE SCRAMBLES SERIES
(After 8 of 9 rounds)

1. Rodney Smith (Suz), Oakley, CA (147/1 win)
2. Steve Hatch (Suz), Ithaca, NY (121/1 win)
3. Jason Dahners (KTM), Redmond, WA (109)
4. Paul Edmondson (Suz), Great Britain (103/2 wins)
5. Patrick Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (99)
6. Brian Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (83)
7. Scott Plessinger (KTM), Hamilton, OH (50)
8. Mike Sampson (Kaw), Brazil, IN (64)
9. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (57/1 win)
10. Aaron Sykes (Kaw), Cotati, CA (54)

AMA GRAND NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY SERIES
(After 12 of 13 rounds)

1. Scott Summers (Hon), Petersburg, KY (152/3 wins)*
2. Steve Hatch (Suz), Ithaca, NY (147/2 wins)
3. Fred Andrews (Yam), Salem, OH (143/1 win)
4. Rodney Smith (Suz), Oakley, CA (134/3 wins)
5. Scott Plessinger (KTM), Hamilton, OH (127/1 win)
6. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (122)
7. Jason Dahners (KTM), Redmond, WA (115)
8. Brian Keegan (Kaw), Washington, PA (111)
9. Doug Blackwell (Yam), PArkersburg, WV (107)
10. Paul Edmondson (Suz), Great Britain (94/2 wins)

*clinched championship

FRED ANDREWS

AMA/NATC NATIONAL OBSERVED TRIALS SERIES
(After 9 of 9 rounds)

1. Geoff Aaron (Bet), Redding, CT (237/5 wins)
2. C. Raymond Peters (G-G), Beaver Dams, NY (202/1 win)
3. Jess Kempkes (G-G), Lincoln, NE (199/3 wins)
4. Lonny Hallsted (Bet), San Diego, CA (167)
5. Olivier Clamagirand (G-G), Tustin, CA (166)
6. Mark Manniko (G-G), Aurora, CO (137)
   Ryon Bell (Mon), Canada (137)
8. Michael Bryant (Bet), Burlington, CT (107)
9. Dennis Sweeten (Bet), Oregon City, OR (105)
   Matt Moore (Mon), Sapulpa, OK (105)

AMA 800cc HILLCLIMB NATIONAL C'SHIP SERIES
(After 11 of 11 rounds)

1. James Large (H-D), Orient, OH (126/1 win)
2. Greg Williams (Hon), Canada (120/2 wins)
3. Willie Price (H-D), Madison, WV (117/5 wins)
4. Steve Dresser (Tri), Arkport, NY (116)
5. Jason Petty (Tri), Camby, IN (110/2 wins)
6. Paul Zander (BSA), Glen Rock, PA (109/1 win)
7. Rodney Williams (H-D), Niles, MI (108)
8. Glendal Petty Jr. (H-D), Mooresville, IN (97)
9. Robert Shriner (Kaw), Bird-in-Hand, PA (75)
10. Russ VanderVeen (H-D), Greenwood, IN (64)

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4. Scott McNeely (Hon), Madison, WV (102/1 win)
5. David Watson (Hon), Ludlow, MA (100/1 win)
6. Paul Lowe (Kaw), Yolyn, WV (94)
7. Michael Templeton (Hon), Manchester, CT (87)
8. Ted Wilkins (Rtx), Canada (86/2 wins)
9. Michael Pulver (Hon), Indianapolis, IN (78)
10. Mike Wilson (Kaw), Mount Gay, WV (49)

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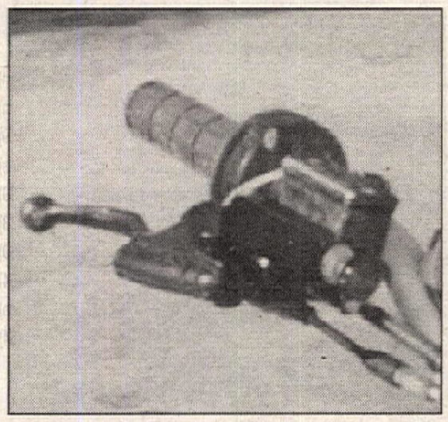

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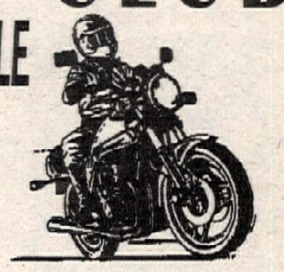

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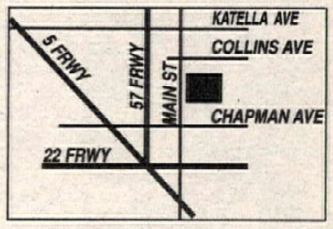

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(#7) The Evolution of Motocross
Gary Semics has put together the story of motocross' early days, highlighting 52 years of European and American racing. From the days when British dinosaurs ruled the roost to Jeremy McGrath on his CR250, you'll see it all in this 95 minute video from Gary Semics Video. **$42.95**

(#12) Dirt Devils
Roger DeCoster dissects some of the greatest MX battles: Axton '90 w/Cooper vs. Kiedrowski; Budd's Creek '90 w/Stanton vs. Ward; Mt. Morris '91 w/Stanton vs Bradshaw; Millville '91 w/Bradshaw vs. Bayle; Washougal '92 w/Swink vs. Emig. Additional "Hot Shots" focus on techniques for starts, passing and some spectacular crashes. Narration by Larry Maiers; 60 minutes from Powersports Video. **$33.95**

(#65D) 1994 Motocross des Nations
After 13 years of winning the "Olympics" of motocross, the American team came up second to the British champs. You'll see how it happened in this 90-minute show from Motovideo. **$29.95**

(#68) 1994 World 250cc MX Series Review
Highlights of all the rounds of the '94 250cc MXGP Series featuring Greg Albertyn, Stefan Everts, Donny Schmit, Yves Demaria, Marnicq Bervoets and Kurt Nicoll in their quest for the World Championship. 90 minutes from Motovideo. **$29.95**

(#149) 1994 Budd's Creek 250cc USGP
Team Pepsi-Honda's Yves Demaria shocked the American MX fans when he won the U.S. round of the '94 250cc World MX Championship Series at Budd's Creek, Maryland. Demaria led a massive European revolt eager to beat the dominant Americans at their own round of the World Championships. 47 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#162B) '91 AMA Nat'l MX Season Review
Follow the 13 stops on the 1991 AMA National MX Series as Mike Kiedrowski duels with Guy Cooper for the #1 plate title honors; 250cc and 500cc action follow the dominance of J.M. Bayle over Stanton, Ward, and Bradshaw. Approx. 2 hours (2-tape package) from Powersports Video. **$42.95**

(#162C) '92 AMA Nat'l MX Season Review
The definitive video review of the 1992 AMA National 125, 250 & 500 Motocross Series. Narrated by Larry Maiers; 90 minutes from Powersports Video. **$34.95**

(#162D) '93 AMA Nat'l. MX Season Review
Follow the highlights of the 1993 outdoor Nationals in all 3 classes, from Southwick, Gainesville, Sacramento, Mt. Morris, Unadilla, Buchanan, Glen Helen, Troy, Millville, Washougal, Delmont and Binghamton in the chase for the 125, 250 and last-ever 500 AMA National MX crowns. 90 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#162E) 1994 AMA Nat'l. MX Season Review
Narrated by Larry Maiers, it's all here-highlights of the entire 1994 AMA 250cc National MX Championship Series. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

SUPERCROSS

(#50) Arenacross Madness
An action-packed music video showcasing all the best features that have made Mike Kidd's AMA National Arenacross Series such a hit with motorcycle fans all over the United States. 30 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#325B) Airtime - Thrills of Supercross
A review of each round of the 1992 AMA Camel Supercross series as Jeff Stanton, Damon Bradshaw, Guy Cooper, Jeff Matiasevich, Jeff Ward and the rest go for the gold. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#325C) All Crossed Up
This review of the entire 1993 Supercross season sees the emergence of Jeremy McGrath as "the greatest Supercross rookie sensation" in history. Trying to achieve his own personal record, Guy Cooper tries all season for his first AMA Supercross win in his farewell tour of the series. 1993 also marks the final year for Damon Bradshaw, as he turns in his early retirement. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#325E) Lightning Strikes Twice
A review of all 15 Coors Light Challenge rounds of the 1994 AMA Supercross Series as Jeremy McGrath steamrolled the 250cc class on the way to his second consecutive title. Also includes highlights of Eastern and Western 125cc rounds. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#325F) Supermac Attack
From Orlando to Las Vegas, follow Jeremy McGrath as he collects his third consecutive AMA-sanctioned U.S. Supercross Series championship in 1995. Includes highlights of 14 rounds with behind the scenes profiles on how it all happens. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$29.95**

TOURING/ROAD RIDING CRUISING

(#106A) 50 Years of Daytona
400,000 enthusiasts descended on Daytona for the 1991 50th anniversary of Bike Week. See the "Main Street" & Harley scene from the biggest year ever. 60 minutes produced by Panacom from Progressive Design. **$22.95**

(#213) The Roads of Colorado
Actual footage of selected roads and points of interest throughout Colorado. This video makes an ideal tool for anyone planning a motorcycle trip through the Rockies. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

ROAD RACING

(#9) U.S. Grand Prix 1988
Real Grand Prix road racing for the World Championship revives in America as Steady Eddie Lawson and Fast Jimmy Filice beat the best at Laguna Seca. From Powersports Video. **$33.95**

(#41) Bike Experience
Race with Wayne Gardner as you crouch over the handlebars of a 200 mph Grand Prix Honda in actual race conditions! 60 minutes. From Powersports Video. **$34.95**

(#78A) 1989 Bike GP Compilation
A review of the '89 FIM GP Road Racing season worldwide, as Lawson leads fellow Americans Rainey and Schwantz to sweep 13 US wins in 15 rounds. From Powersports Video. **$39.95**

(#78B) Rainey Days: 1990 GP Review
Follow Wayne Rainey's march to the title, from Suzuka to Phillip Island in this 105-minute blockbuster of an annual review. Probably the best Bike GP Review ever! From Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#78C) '91 GP Review: Another Rainey Day
Wayne Rainey dominates the GP Series for his 2nd consecutive World Championship. Excellent summary coverage from each circuit. 105 minutes from Moto Video. **$24.95**

(#81A) '90 Laguna Seca US Grand Prix
Rainey and Schwantz race clear of a crash-filled field featuring Lawson, Mamola, Gardner, Chili and Magee. 250cc action also included. 52 minutes from Moto Video. **$33.95**

(#81B) '91 Laguna Seca US Grand Prix
Different from the NBC/ESPN broadcasts, this video includes complete coverage & commentary of 500 & 250 classes, sidecars too. 52 minutes from Moto Video. **$14.95**

(#137) 1991 Daytona 200
Enjoy a race that lived up to its billing and provided a fitting 50th birthday celebration for the most famous event in American motorcycle racing history. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$29.95**

(#248A) 1994 AMA Superbike Series Review
Troy Corser, Jamie James, Colin Edwards, Fred Merkel and the rest fight to the finish line in this highlight video of the '94 U.S. Superbike Series. 40 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#248B) 1995 AMA Superbike Series Review
With all the familiar top names (Corser, Edwards and Russell) returning to the WSB wars after the first AMA round at Daytona, the Smokin' Joe's dynamic duo of Mike Hale and Miguel DuHamel stormed their way through the rest of America to return the U.S. Superbike Series title back to the Honda mantle. You'll see highlights from each round in this 47-minute show from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#400A) 1994 AMA Superbike Series Review
Follow the highlights of each round of the '94 WSB Series as Ducati's Carl Fogarty takes his Ducati down to the wire for the World Championship against defending champion Scott Russell after a season-long battle, 60-minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

TRIALS

(#201A) 1996 NATC Trials: Illinois
The 2nd and 3rd rounds of the 1996 US National Trials Championship took place near Mount Olive Illinois. Mark Manniko claimed the 2nd round victory and Ryan Young won the 3rd round. 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#202A) 1996 NATC Trials: California
Round #1 of the '96 NATC Series opened at the 26th Annual El Trial de Espana classic. This event was held in the high desert area of Lucerne Valley, north of San Bernardino, CA. Top 3 finishers scored only 1 point apart each! 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#203A) 1996 NATC Trials: Tennessee
Rounds #3 & #4 of the 1996 US National Trials Championship at the Sequatchie Valley round near Jasper, TN. Set in beautiful wooded valley, conducted by SETRA. Rocky terrain helped Geoff Aaron return to his winning ways. 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#204A) 1996 NATC Trials: Donner, CA
Donner Ski Ranch, located high in the Northern California Sierras hosted rounds #6 & #7 of the '96 series. Lots of rocky outcropping & phenomenal scenery had Aaron topping Young for the weekend and approaching his 3rd national title. 120 minutes from Technovideo. **$24.95**

(#208A) 1996 Wagner Cup World C'Ship Trial
The best in the world came to the Stepping Stone Ranch in West Greenwich, Rhode Island for round #4 of the 1996 World Championship Series. See the American force put on their best effort vs. the world talent of Jordi Tarres, Marc Colomer, Dougie Lampkin and the rest in this double-tape package. 4 hours from Technovideo. **$39.95**

SPEEDWAY

(#45F) 1996 U.S. Speedway National Championship
In one night, winner-take-all format, for the 27th consecutive year, the top 16 speedway racers from the United States meet at Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, California. Bruce Flanders, Terry Clanton and Margo King call the action, with 6 camera locations on this exciting race. 60 minutes from RAZ Video. **$29.95**

DIRT TRACK

(#182) Smooth Moves
A review of the 1990 Camel Pro Series Championship, as Scott Parker and Chris Carr dueled all year for the title. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$34.95**

VINTAGE

(#118) Enduring Memories
Original narrated footage of classic enduro competitions, including the 1962 & 1964 Jack Pine Enduro, and the 1959 Greenhorn Enduro. This video illustrates how the bikes changed the sport in just five years. 45 minutes from Motovideo. **$34.95**

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(#77) 1989 International 6-Day Enduro
The 64th Annual ISDE from Walidurn, West Germany. 60 minutes from Powersports Video. **$34.95**

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(#110C) 1993 Blackwater 100
This special extended-length Blackwater video brings you all the mud bogs, river crossings, and difficult mountainous terrain on the infamous Blackwater 100. Narrated by Larry Maiers. 77 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#190) 1993 LA to Barstow to Vegas
Join over 400 riders in the biggest dual sport classic of the year. Enjoy this legendary trail ride on Thanksgiving weekend 1993 as they ride from Los Angeles (Colton), California on Saturday, and continue from Barstow to Las Vegas on Sunday. If you rode this event, you're probably on this video! 110 minutes from After Images Video. **$34.95**

(#210A) 1994 Colorado 500
Join celebrities such as Malcom Smith & Wally Dallenbach for this famous 1000-mile trail ride through Colorado's small towns and Rocky Mountains in late summer '94. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

(#210B) 1995 Colorado 500
A review of some of the highlights of the first 20 years of the Colorado 500, along with a look at the 1995 ride, covering 800 miles of beautiful Rocky Mountain trail riding scenery. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

(#211) 1994 Cycle News Loretta Lynn DS Ride
Get in on the springtime fun at this round of the '94 AMA National Trail Ride Series at the scenic Loretta Lynn's Dude Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. 60 minutes from Kern Video Productions. **$29.95**

(#212) The Trails of Colorado MC Trail Guide
Highlights of 18 different trail systems throughout Colorado. Excellent primer for trail riding and dual sporting in the Colorado Rockies. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

VIDEO MAGAZINES

(#11) Rick Johnson - Profile of a Champion
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Meet Damon Huffman at the crossroads of his career as he moves from Suzuki to Kawasaki, and see why he has been tagged as one of the most promising young racers to come through the ranks in years. You'll see Damon at Washougal for a private practice day, and interviews provide insight into this bright young star. 45 minutes from Motovideo. **$34.95**

(#57) Ride With Roeseler
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FREESTYLE & CRASHES

(#10) Crusty Demons of Dirt
The original out-of-control freestyle video! Jam-packed with free riding, jumping, and aerial insanity all set to a hard rocking soundtrack. Includes one of the most talked-about video scenes ever: Seth Enslow's huge dune crash. Includes action with Jeff Emig, Jeremy McGrath, Ryan Hughes, Mike Metzger, Phil Lawrence, Larry Roeseler and more. (This is the "edited" version)...30 minutes. A Flesh Wound Film distributed by Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#10A) Crusty Demons of Dirt: 2
This sequel is loaded with hardcore riding, jumping, and aerial insanity, all set to a skate/rock soundtrack. Watch these riders go off!...Jeremy McGrath, Jeff Emig, Seth Enslow, Mike Metzger, Ryan Hughes, Joel Albrecht, Mike Healey and more. Locations include California, Oregon, South Africa, Nambia and Mexico. 40 minutes. A Flesh Wound Film distributed by Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#58) Sick Air
Get sick with "Sick Air!" Follow moto-maniacs Brian Manley, Rich Taylor, Phil Lawrence and others in search of the ultimate motocross adventure. Hot new music from Purple Bosco, Razed in Black, Bracket is your backdrop to the sickest footage ever assembled on one video. 30 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#59) Get Off!
A high-energy compilation of all the best crashes from the Motovideo archives. Includes many never before seen "get-offs" that are truly incredible. Original killer soundtrack by Strung Out, Snuff, Wizo, Lag Wagon, and Bracket. 30 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#60C) Spankin'
Includes footage segments from the 1995 AMA National MX Series, extreme riding with Brian Manley, Kyle Lewis, and Lance Smail, high-speed desert footage with Ty Davis, and a look at Yamaha's John Dowd. 32 minutes from EPI Video. **$24.95**

(#61A) Throttle Junkies
Join Damon Huffman, Mike Metzger, Mike Brandes, Craig Johnson, Brian Deegan, Nathan Fletcher and Larry Linkogle as they jam the carb needle to full tilt all over California. 30 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#62) WhatUp!
The new generation video from Full Throttle Production that brings out insane aerial maneuvers by featured riders Ty Davis, Jeff Emig, Damon Bradshaw, Mike Craig, Damon Huffman, Ryan Hughes, Kyle Lewis, Phil Lawrence, Marty Smith, Rich Taylor, Ray Sommo, Nathan Fletcher, and introducing "Turtle." Original soundtrack by Royal Crown Review, Crux, Voo Doo Glow Skulls, MXPX, No Fun At All, Malfunction, Youth Brigade, NO FX, Pennywise, and Rancid. 30 minutes from Motovideo. **$29.95**

(#63) Motocross Wipeout
Hundreds of gnarly crashes featuring slow-motion replays with a music video format. Footage from motocross and supercross events around the country. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#66A) Crash and Burn III
The third in the series from Motovideo, featuring 30 minutes of crashes from Supercross, Enduro, and Motocross. **$24.95**

(#85) Gary Rothwell: Showtime
Gary Rothwell brings you the ultimate superbike stunt experience on this "official" video. Packed with high-speed wheelies, donuts, stoppies and includes Rothwell's 143MPH 'Ski' Record run skidding behind the bike on his feet. If you've ever seen Rothwell perform, this is a "must-have" tape. 30 minutes from Ray Horsman Enterprises. **$24.95**

(#120) Terrafirma
The original big air freestyle Fox video featuring wild antics by Doug Henry, Ezra Lusk, Robbie Reynard, Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana, James Stewart, and the King of Rock n' Roll. Soundtrack by Pennywise, Alice in Chains, Lucy's Fur Coat, Future Sounds of London and Soundbox. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#120A) Terrafirma2
Incredible footage of Jeremy McGrath, Doug Henry, Steve Lamson, Robbie Reynard, Mike Metzger, John Dowd, Ezra Lusk, Ricky Carmichael, Pedro Gonzalez, and the late Donny Schmit. Soundtrack by Mad Season, Face to Face, Corrosion, Pennywise, and Sprung Monkey. 45 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#120B) Terrafirma 3
Terrafirma is everything you'd expect in this series and MORE! More locations, riders and insanity! Filmed in France, Australia, Oregon, Utah, Maryland, Michigan, Tennessee, you'll see all the big names in motocross: Jeremy McGrath, Lamson, Metzger, Danny Ham, Dowd, Lee Hogan, Windham, Henry, Bradshaw, Ricky Carmichael. Over 30 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#121) FLY
Check out this spring' 96 release from Fox...featuring Fox stars Jeremy McGrath, Damon Bradshaw, Mike Metzger, Doug Henry, John Dowd, Kevin Windham, and Serge Guidetty, pulling off incredible aerial maneuvers at places like the Paris and Anaheim Supercrosses, Glamis Dunes, Secret Honda Test Tracks, White Sands, Ocotillo Wells and Gatorback. Music by Single Gun Theory, Eric B. & Rakim, Sprung Monkey, SNFU, NoFX, and Shelter. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#122) Air Raid
The first and foremost ragin' hardcore footage in motocross, snowboard, wakeboard, BMX and surfing ever compiled in one video. Air Raid is a jam-packed assault of free riding, tube rides, jumping, crashing, and dogfights, with an awesome soundtrack. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#130) Performance Bikes: Video Nasty
Britain's biggest motorcycle magazine goes to video with a variety of sick, stupid, funny and dangerous ways of testing the fastest sportbikes on the continent. Features include viewer's crash videos, stuntmasters Gary Rothwell performing on his superbike, trials ace Jason Finn, group tests of 900 and 600 superbikes, the '96 Frenzy event, and more extreme superbike wheelies and stoppies than should be allowed on any pavement tape. 55 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95.**

(#131) Disturbing the Peace
SMP presents a film by Pat Solomon which includes Seth Enslow, Jeff Emig, Brian Manley, Mike Jones, Larry Linkogle, Tim Ferry, Anthony Pocorobba and more, with a bizarre claymation series of scenes throughout. Soundtrack includes Suicidal Tendencies, Bad Religion, NOFX, Sublime and more. 35 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#132) Moto-XXX
The debut video from Quick Fix Films featuring Mike Metzger, Kyle Lewis, Tommy Clowers, Brian Deegan, Jeff Emig and a whole cast of sick monkeys. Music by Lagwagon; Snuff, Good Riddance, NOFX, Strungout and more. Contains some explicit language and situations. 30 minutes by Quick Fix Films from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#132A) Moto-xXx 2: Hellraisers
Quick Fix Films presents the sequel to the original Moto-xXx...living up to its image, this one's even more crazy than the first. Riders include Swink, Huffman, Taylor, Pichon, Willoh, Linkogle, Roncada, Pingree, Ramsey, and more. 32 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#133) Horizontal
The first all-Aussie freestyle video features top Oz riders blasting dirt and sand dunes & getting massive air; also includes some watercraft and karting footage. Soundtrack includes tope Aussie bands. 32 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#134) Organ Donors
Variety mixed with insanity is the theme of this video...Freestyle motocross, big wave watercraft action, snowmobiles blasting giant snow "dunes" in Alaska, big air on quads, trials tricks, and more. 40 minutes by Pat Solomon for Fusion Films, from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#136) Quatros Locos
Remember what the original Crusty video did for free riding? This is the video that will do the same for quads. Until you see it, you have no idea what these guys can do. Filmed throughout the USA and in England and Thailand, you'll never dis these guys again. 30 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#147B) Mud, Sweat & Gears
Wall to wall action with flying mud, endos, loop-outs, and crashes. Footage from Ohio's Treaty City Peace Pipe Enduro shows it's a worthy successor to the gone-but-not-forgotten Blackwater 100. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(176A) Crash Impact II
Over 100 crashes & spectacular mishaps in a dozen categories of motorsports. 55 minutes from Powersports Video. **$24.95**

(#179A) Bike Wars
The most memorable moments of mayhem including Harleys, Superbikes, Dirt Track, Isle of Man, Hillclimb, Blackwater, Pro MX and more. 60 minutes from Powersports Video. **$29.95**

INSTRUCTIONAL AND TECHNICAL

(#13) Riding Motocross - Glover Style!
Six-time National MX Champ takes you to his secret tracks and shows you how to master the art. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#21) Fundamentals of Off-Road Riding
Dick Burleson covers suspension setup and fundamental riding technique. 42 minutes from Thumper Racing. **$38.95**

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Dick Burleson explains advanced motorcycle setup and riding techniques for challenging terrain and obstacles. 26 minutes from Thumper Racing. **$33.95**

(#23) Practical Tire Changing
Dick Burleson shows how to make short work of changing off-road motorcycle tires, both with tubes and the popular bib mousse insert. 23 minutes from Thumper Racing. **$23.95**

(#30) Cartridge Fork Service & Tuning
Dirt Rider Magazine's tech editor Eric Gorr shows you how to do comprehensive service and tuning on Kayaba and Showa cartridge forks. Applicable to dirt and street bikes. Includes bonus 10-page manual. 95 minutes from Forward Motion Video. **$35.95**

(#31) 2-Stroke Engine Design & Tuning
Dirt Rider magazine's Eric Gorr demonstrates how to use TSR computer programs to design cylinder porting, combustion chambers and pipes. Learn how to use porting tools and a lathe to machine engine parts. Includes bonus 30-page manual. 120 minutes from Forward Motion Video. **$45.95**

(#32) Two-Stroke Engine Rebuilding
Eric Gorr demonstrates how to rebuild the lower end of 2-stroke dirt bike engines. Learn techniques for transmission diagnostics & repair, plus handy tips for installing crankshafts & bearings. Supplemental manual included. 75 minutes from Forward Motion Video. **$34.95**

(#33) Rear Shock Service and Tuning
This video service manual by Eric Gorr is geared toward Kayaba and Showa single rear shocks used on many modern off-road and sport bikes. Learn everything from routine service to trouble-shooting and revalving. Supplemental manual features many helpful tech article reprints plus a guide to parts sources. 75 minutes from Forward Motion Video. **$34.95**

(#34) 4-Stk Performance Tuning & Maintenance
Eric Gorr demonstrates engine rebuilding and performance tuning for Japanese 4-cylinder 16-valve street bike engines. Highlights include computer-based tuning software, flow testing, and porting techniques. 160 minutes from Forward Motion Video. **$44.95**

(#35) Gary Semics MX Techniques #1
Covers all the important techniques & shows how to practice them. Shows top pros using these techniques in race action. Slow motion and stop action make it easy to see and understand. 33 minutes from Gary Semics Video. **$32.95**

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More advanced than "Tape #1," expands & describes in more detail all the important techniques & fundamentals. Also shows what it takes to reach the top. 65 minutes from Gary Semics Video. **$42.95**

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Race Tech's Paul Thede explains why and how to condition your mind to become a faster off-road and motocross rider by "learning how to learn." 23 minutes from Race Tech. **$41.95**

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The definitive road riding & racing instructional video by Keith Code of the California Superbike School. This video translates the book into 14 sections to make you visualize with crystal-clear understanding the art of pavement technique. 107 minutes from Motovideo. **$44.95**

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Six tape set of instructional/technical sportbike performance videos covering "Track Preparation," "Tires, Chassis & Suspension," "Carburetion & Exhaust Systems," "Performance Systems," "Dialing In," and "Motorcycle Hygiene," featuring instruction from motorcycle performance industry experts on each topic. Total time all 6 tapes, 9 hours & 45 minutes from Diversified Media. **$204.95**

(#171A) Sweet Spot Video: Track Preparation
Covers: Rider safety equipment (leathers, body armor, boots, gloves, helmets, face shields); motorcycle bodywork (replacing original stock bodywork and fitting with fiberglass, finishes, fasteners, what to remove for the race track, catch bottles, number plates); custom painting helmets; tech inspections. Featured experts are Stoughton Smead of Motorace/Dainese; Troy Kirkpatrick of TK Designs; Gary Lenzmeier of Body by Northstar; Jim Leonard of Vance & Hines; Rick Marlin of Fog City; and Al Hathaway, LRRS Chief Technical Inspector. 113 minutes from Diversified Media. **$29.95**

(#171B) Sweet Spot Video: Tires, Chassis & Suspension
Covers: Suspension preparation (preload, damping, rebound, compression, sag, trail, ride height with effect to chassis alignment); front forks (oil weight, springs, valving); tire tread pattern (DOT vs. race, compound, carcass, wheel size and tire size, profiles, tire development, radial vs. bias, grip and surface patch, expense, scuffing a new tire, tuning the tire, heat cycles, pressures, pyrometers, braking, tire warmers). Featured experts are Dale Rathwell, Yamaha Suspension Engineer; and Ken Williams of Michelin Tire. 90 minutes from Diversified Media. **$43.95**

(#171C) Sweet Spot Video: Carburetion & Exhaust Systems
Covers: Aftermarket exhaust systems (pipes and mufflers, slip-ons vs. stock mufflers; carburetion (carburetor jetting, setting float levels, relationship between mixture screws and synching carbs, selecting the proper jet kit, how to use carb sticks and 4-gas analyzers). Featured expert is Marc Salvisberg of Factory Professional Tuning. 110 minutes from Diversified Media. **$43.95**

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Covers: Oils & fluids (petroleum vs. semi-synthetic vs. fully synthetic, engine cleanliness, oxidation, break-in/seating time period and method, viscosity, lubrication & horsepower, heat transfer, additives, fork oils, storage lubricants); cooling systems (water wetter, chassis lube); drive train (chain 520 vs. 530 conversion, O-ring vs. non O-ring, master link vs. rivet, chain tension adjustment, sprockets, brake and clutch lines, brake pads, brake fluids, rotors, ignition advancer); safety wiring. Featured experts are Cliff Sherlock of Red Line Oil and Jim Leonard of Vance & Hines. 100 minutes from Diversified Media. **$39.95**

(#171E) Sweet Spot Video: Dialing In
Covers: Trackside tuning; dialing in the bike for rider's style and track conditions; suspension; jetting; tire tuning; and gearing (includes on-board video). Featured experts are Kurt Hall, 18-time national sprint champion and national endurance champion; Lawrence Bolton of Dynojet; Jeff Johnston of Metzeler Motorcycle Tires; Dave Schlosser of Dutchman Racing; and Jim Leonard of Vance & Hines. 90 minutes from Diversified Media. **$44.95**

(#171F) Sweet Spot Video: Motorcycle Hygiene
Covers: Cleaning the motorcycle (products and finishes); winterizing and storage (lubricants, fuel system, carburetor, battery, bike finish and storing, apparel); prepping your bike for new season (inspection and servicing of tires, oils, fuel and starting). Featured experts are Rob Douglas of BIS Imports and Jeff Haynor, the series host. 60 minutes from Diversified Media. **$24.95**

MOVIES

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This is the classic youth film of the 1960's which reflected the attitudes and longings of an entire generation. Two motorcyclists (Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper) embark on a coast-to-coast odyssey in search of the real America. 94 minutes from Progressive Design. **$37.95**

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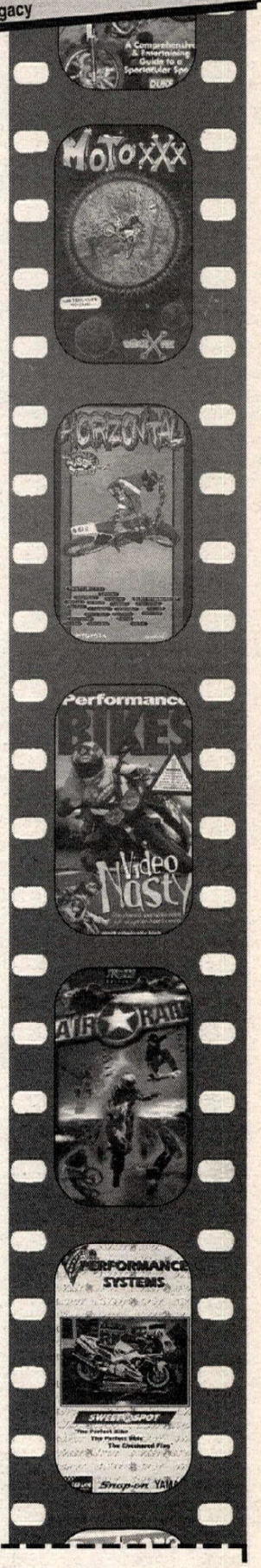

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Matt H. Moore Kaw
Robbie J. Sparks Yam
James Bartholomew Hon
50 OIL INJ
Scott Ziegler Yam
Matthew Tippin Yam
David Lilly Suz
C. Grant Keeler II Suz
50 (4-6)
Lowell Spangler Cob
Zachary Whitmore Cob
Edward Izykowicz Act
Daniel Holton Jr. Lem
Craig Kreider Jr. Lem
50 (7-8)
Robert Garthe Cob
Joseph Bardi Cob
60 (7-11)
Anthony Soisthan Kaw
Robert Garthe Kaw
Michael Tippin Jr. Kaw
Edward Izykowicz Kaw
Daniel Kolotas Kaw
80 (7-11)
Ryan O'Laughlin Kaw
William Heckman Jr. Kaw
Mark Oswald Jr. Kaw
Chad Aughinbaugh Hon
Casey Kozlowski Yam
80 (12-13)
Casey Clark Yam
Derrick Forrester Kaw
William Jones Yam
Torri Cohee Kaw
Mark Brader Kaw
80 (14-15)
Lee Woodward Yam
James Bartholomew Hon
Michael Schneck Yam
125 NOV
Brandon Hooper Suz
Jimmy Rumer Yam
Aaron Lambert Hon
Brandon Sexton Kaw
David Baxter Hon
125 AM
Samuel Forrester Kaw
Jarrett Rhoades Hon
Sergio Steel Yam
Jeffrey Paul Yam
David Carlisle Kaw
125 PRO-EX
Barry Carsten Suz
Jeffrey Yentzer Kaw
David Kratz Suz
Ty Wallace Yam
Jason Conlon Suz
250/OPEN NOV
Robert Swinehart Hon
Sean Vangruff Suz
Jamie Miller Yam
Jason McCann Hon
Eric Sydlosky Hon
250/OPEN AM
Harry McKnight Suz
Joshua Nemeth Yam
Andrew Korchak Yam
Quentin Kepwart Kaw
Charles Mitchell Hon
250/OPEN PRO-EX
Barry Carsten Suz
Ty Wallace Hon
Jeffrey Yentzer Kaw
David B. Kratz Suz
Jason Conlin Suz
SCHBY
Kevin Brodsky Jr. Yam
Samuel Forrester Kaw
Jason Hooper Suz
Jimmy Bomer Yam
Neil McClelland Kaw
CLGBY
Andrew Gentile Hon
Clinton Johnson Hon
Eddie Kunitz Kaw
Alex Blackwell Yam
Paul J. Waslin Jr. Suz
NON-CUR
Joseph M. Teller Suz
Steven Weaber Suz
Melvin D. Palmer Yam
Ernest T. Frack Kaw
WDSMN
Kurt Messner Hon
Tim Flynn Hon
Mark D. Chapman Hon
Robert Kuhnsman Hon
WMN
Lisa Mahon Lesher Yam
25+ NOV
Nils Tribus Kaw
Sean McClaughlin Hon
Charles Mitchell Hon
Christopher Branchide Yam
James Osborne Yam
25+ EX
Barry Larsten Suz
Jeff Yentzer Kaw
Tim Schmelyun Kaw
Fred Vertucci Jr. Suz
Gaylon Dickson Yam
VET AM (30-39)
Nils Tribus Kaw
James Faluoniero Hon
Scott Edelstein Hon
David Myers Yam
Chris Branchide Yam
VET EX (30-39)
Tim Schmelyun Kaw
Gaylon Dickson Jr. Yam
Fred Vertucci Suz
William Peoples Hon
Drew Morris Yam
SR 40+
Fred Vertucci Suz
Martin Lesher Yam
Paul Hanna Hon
Joseph Hoffman Hon
Craig Nonti Hon

Arenacross
Paris Dirt Trackers
Paris, TN
October 18
By Bonnie Burkeen

50
Hugh Falwell Cob
Kyle McReynolds Cob
Spencer Cook Lem
Elliott Barber Lem
Douglas Hall KTM
60
Kenny Dale Orr Kaw
Ben Crittendon Kaw
Steve Kissiar Kaw
Chase Thomas Kaw
Brett Cameron Kaw
85 JR
Kenny Dale Orr Suz
Brad Weiss Suz
Damon Prince Suz
Ben Crittendon Kaw
Brett Cameron Kaw
85 SR
Clint Burkeen Suz
Adam Phelps Suz
Shane Kissiar Suz
Adam Manning Kaw
Michael Lawrence Suz
S/MINI
William Devault Kaw
Adam Phelps Suz
Brad Weiss Suz
Eric Klinkhammer Kaw
Adam Manning Kaw
SCHBY
Derek Riley Suz
Shane Hodges Hon
Chris Brill Yam
Tony Schaefer Hon
Clint Burkeen Suz
16-24
Jordan Moneymaker Yam
Michael Riffle Hon
Chris Burkeen Suz
Steve Nace KTM
Darion Jackson Hon
BEG
Brad Jackson Hon
Tony Travis Suz
Mike Pollard Kaw
Jason Tomlinson Kaw
Chris Burns Kaw
125 A
Justin Quinn Kaw
Jordan Moneymaker Yam
Jason Perry Hon
Eddie Proffitt Kaw
125 B
Chris Burkeen Suz
Derek Riley Suz
Steve Nace KTM
Dean McCroy Hon
Chris Sweat Hon
125 C
Michael Smith Kaw
Jed Mitchell Hon
Jason Stewart Yam
Travis Deal Suz
Wesley O'Conner Hon
250 A
Jordan Moneymaker Yam
Michael Riffle Hon
Eddie Proffitt Yam
250 B
Marty Stinnett Yam
Timmy P'Pool Kaw
Shane Vaughn Kaw
James Garner Hon
Rick Tyler Kaw
250 C
Mark Ingemi Kaw
Mike Shelton Yam
Russ Eddings Hon
Mike Ramey Yam
Joey Bryant Hon
25+
Steve Ezell Yam
Mark Garrison KTM
Marty Stinnett Yam
Ronnie Ray Suz
Timmy P'Pool Kaw
30+
Steve Ezell Yam
Mark Garrison KTM
Ronnie Ray Suz
Timmy P'Pool Kaw
David Reasons Hon
30+ B/C
Lonnie Evans KTM
David Reasons Kaw
Ronnie Ray Suz
Charles Manning Suz
40+
Ronnie Ray Suz
Pat Freiburger Hon
Rex Tyler Kaw
Mike Shelton Yam
50+
Pat Freiburger Hon
Buddy Akers Suz
WMN
Eileen Crumb Hon
Melissa Bailey Hon
Sherry Crittendon Kaw
Laranda Hall Kaw
200/4-STRK
Trevor Haywood Hon
Justin Shelby Yam
Michael Hopper Hon
Dan Owens Hon
Brad Tucker Hon
4-STRK MNY
Chris Fristoe Hon
Dan Owens Hon
Michael Hopper Hon
Matt Heath Hon
Kevin Bebout Yam

Motocross
NESC
MX 338
Southwick, MA
October 12

50 YTH
Daniel Crotty Cob
Justin Rando KTM
Chris Laughnane KTM
Stephen Ceruti Lem
Chase Burdette KTM
65 YTH
Robert Marshall Kaw
Ryan DesRosiers Kaw
Patrick Celella Kaw
Joseph Belmore Kaw
Daniel Crotty KTM
85 A
Kenneth Bernard Kaw
Ryan Wadsworth Suz
Trenton Estes Suz
Joshua Rorrie Kaw
Robert Beaudet Jr. Yam
85 B
Kenneth Hood Hon
Billy Lebrecque Yam
Blake Ferrini Yam
Tyler Merrifield Kaw
Ryan Wood Suz
85 C
Matthew Bannach Suz
Jeremy Collett Kaw
Craig Amdrivlaitis Kaw
Ronald Vincent Yam
Steven Dutil Yam
125 YTH A
Edward Arasimowicz Hon
Aaron Preble Suz
Ryan O'Connell Kaw
Greg Webster Yam
Brandon Brooks Suz
125 YTH B
Ryan McAteer Suz
Michael Gill Suz
Michael Giambattista Kaw
Adam Watkins Suz
Justin Sparks Hon
125 YTH C
Kevin Deming Kaw
Tom Janik Hon
Gary Celella Hon
Chris Gallant Yam
Warren Emerson Suz
125 NOV
Chris Johnson
Ken Short Suz
Richard Marshall Suz
Todd Campopiano Hon
Chris Tremblay Suz
125 AM
Rich Frank Jr. Kaw
James Mahoney Hon
Chad Costa Hon
Bruce Delano Suz
Brandon Brooks Yam
125 EX
Tony Lorusso Suz
Wally Silva Suz
Keith Johnson Kaw
Patrick Barton Suz
Chadwick Shepard Suz
200+ NOV
Philip Sousa Hon
Christopher North Hon
Larry Pagano Suz
Joseph Caliendo Kaw
Michael Robinson Hon
200 AM
Carl Williams Kaw
Michael May Kaw
Jason Maslowski Hon
Bobby Hearn Hon
Norman Baillargeon Hon
200 EX
Tony Lorusso Suz
Keith Johnson Kaw
Patrick Barton Suz
J. Sebastien Roy Suz
Wally Silva Suz
30+ A
Patrick Barton Suz
Joseph Mikalson Suz
William Dill Yam
Tom Sonier Kaw
Gary Williams Kaw
30+B
Gregory Lemonades Kaw
Ron Monette Kaw
Thomas Ricardi Kaw
Michael Geary Yam
Paul Samuelson Hon
30+ C
Matt Ermott Hon
John Thompson Hon
Michael Cummings Suz
Shawn Burch Suz
Paul Rothe Yam
35+ A
Joseph Mikalson Suz
James Meenan Suz
Angelo Santaniello Hon
John Camelio Kaw
Timothy Brown Hon
35+B
Gregory Lemonades Kaw
Thomas Ricardi Suz
Thomas Miozzi Kaw
Thomas House Kaw
Robert Doyle Hon
40+ A
James Meenan Suz
Norman Herbert Yam
John Weaver Suz
Joe Ferrini Yam
John Delgrosso Suz
40+B
Merle Monroe III Yam
Donald Lachapelle Yam
Robert Baer Kaw
David Benson Suz
Alan Taylor Hon

Motocross
CMC Trans-Cal
Overall Winners
By Tony Alessi

P/W (4-6)
Shawn Butler
Scotty Craven
Kyle Smith
P/W (7-8)
Cole Seely
Billy Ballestero
Myles Nall
P/W MOD
Ryan Ferris
Bryce Terzian
Trent Pugmire
60 (0-8)
Edward Herring
Jeff Alessi
Ryan Ferris
60 (9-11)
Mike Alessi
Paul Pearcy
Nick Davis
80 BEG
Chad Stephens
Alvino Garcia
Sam Scanlon
80 (7-11)
Kyle Partridge
Jimmy Nelson
Mike Alessi
80 (12-13)
Sean Collier
Daryl Ecklund
Robert Harrold
80 (14-16)
Jonathan Shimp
Brian Hulsey
David Boothe
80 S/MINI
Michael Young
Jonathan Shimp
Chris Tocco
125 BEG
Skip Norman
Chris Clark
Joel Cota
125 JR
Scott Mumford
Pete Kasten
Jesse Dawson
125 INT
Billy Payne
Chris Gosselaar
Mike Corder
125 PRO
Brett Racine
Brian Roth
Casey Lytle
250 BEG
Ryan Wann
Ryan Peterson
Ryan Metzler
250 JR
Russ Fleming
Lance White
Todd Espicha
250 INT
Billy Payne
Chris Cooley
Chris Neitzel
250 PRO
Billy Mercier
500 AM
Don Pastell
25+ AM
Mark Allen
Chris Radzinski
Rich Quinones
25+ MSTR
Ron Gilbert
Mike Hodges
Lance Johnson
25+ PRO
Billy Mercier
30+ BEG
Paul Berton
David Dubois
Manny Dominguez
30+ JR
Robert Field
Tom Bell
Greg Covert
30+ INT
Mike Hodges
Kenny Zahrt
Lance Johnson
30+ MSTR
Merle Hammer
Ron Ruff
Bob Shimp
40+ AM
Joe Root
Steve Williams
Skip Christy
40+ MSTR
Kenny Zahrt
Ron Ruff
Bob Shimp
WMN
Melissa Billingsly
Shay Garcia
Dawn Rogers
SCHBY
Emitt Kling

Hare Scrambles
District 10
Overall Results
By Jim Darlington

125 B
Larry Wheeler
200 A
David Durkee
200 B
Isaak Ackels
250 A
David McWilliams
250 B
Billy Cooper
OPEN A
David Kidwell
OPEN B
Brian Neal
VET
Wayne Eby
OPEN SR
Chris Loos
4-STRK
Randy Hutchings
L/TR
Scot Gill
H/TR
Henderson Jude
WMN
Robin Ruwe

Motocross
Horn Rapids ORV Park
Richland, WA
September 7

P/W (4-6) STK
Michael Schmeck KTM
Joshua Quantrue KTM
Austin Rose KTM
P/W (4-6) MOD
Jasen Peters KTM
P/W (7-8) STK
Ray Valdez Jr. KTM
Derrick Kakpaco KTM
Tyler Finney KTM
P/W (7-8) MOD
Greg Whitlow KTM
Jobe Hollenbaugh Yam
60 OPEN (1-8)
Keith Batterson Kaw
60 OPEN (9-11)
Scottie Gerken Kaw
Brandon Ecker Kaw
Brandon Ritchie Kaw
S/60
Keith Batterson Kaw
80 BEG
Ken Lybert Yam
Matt Rambo Yam
Daniel Harris Hon
80 (7-11)
Casey Evans Suz
80 (12-13)
Donnie Wolf Yam
David Rose Kaw
80 (14-16)
Kenny Lierman Yam
S/MINI
Donnie Wolf Yam
Kenny Lierman Yam
COMB BEG
John Turner Yam
Greg Foryan Kaw
Wade Heitzman Hon
JR
Chad Zike Yam
Chris Mullinnex Kaw
Alan Peters Suz
INT
Dave Silvestri Suz
125 BEG
Craig Allen Yam
Deven Nickerson Suz
Fred Mendoza Yam
125 JR
Jason Zuhlke Kaw
Mark Jordon Suz
Alan Peters Suz
125 INT
Wesley Parker Suz
250 BEG
Jeff Harvill Yam
John Turner Yam
Dave Wilz Suz
250 JR
Chris Mullinnex Kaw
Ryan Paullin Kaw
Jason Sheets Suz
250 INT
Brent Wurz Suz
UTH BEG
Eli Garza Suz
Dave Wilz Suz
UTH JR
Tom Hilker Hon
Dalk Lenderman Hon
George Moore Yam
VET BEG
Jeff Harvill Yam
John Turner Yam
Leonard Beierle Kaw
VET JR
Jay Bird Suz
O/T JR
Pat Jaquish Yam
Joe Corder Hon
OPEN JR
Tom Hilker Hon

Motocross
Horn Rapids ORV Park
Richland, WA
October 12

P/W (4-6) STK
Michael Schmeck KTM
Travis Suttle KTM
Katrina Ivey Hon
P/W (7-8) STK
Greg Whitlow KTM
Jobe Hollenbaugh Lem
David Redinger KTM
60 OPEN (9-11)
Keith Batterson Kaw
Kimberly Niles Kaw
Coy Metheny Kaw
80 BEG
Matt Rambo Yam
Adam Debuck Hon
Cody Moen Suz
80 (7-11)
Casey Evans Suz
80 (12-13)
David Rose Jr. Kaw
80 (14-16)
Kenny Lierman Yam
S/MINI
Kenny Lierman Yam
Tim Robertson Suz
COMB BEG
Jeff Harvill Yam
Eli Garza Suz
Jeff Anbeluk Suz
JR
Nathan McDonald Kaw
Chad Zike Yam
Jason Zuhlke Kaw
INT
Dustin Lyon Hon
125 BEG
Jason Cooper Kaw
Shan McPherson Hon
Grant Carpino Hon
125 JR
Nathan McDonald Kaw
Jason Zuhlke Kaw
Skyyler Grant Yam
125 INT
Alan Peters Suz
250 BEG
Jeff Harvill Yam
Dave Wilz Suz
Dave Ivey Hon
250 JR
Chad Zike Yam
Chris Mullinnex Kaw
James Dickman Hon
250 INT
Mike Pedro KTM
Jamie Bofman Yam
UTH BEG
Eli Garza Suz
Dave Wilz Suz
VET BEG
Dave Ivey Hon
Paul Darrell KTM
VET JR
Bob Lauer Kaw
James Dickman Hon
Joel Schaan Kaw
O/T BEG
Dirk Stricker Hon
O/T JR
Don Paz Hon
Joe Corder Hon

Motocross
NESC
Capeway Rovers
Middleboro, MA
October 5

50 YTH
Justin Rando KTM
Kyle Hangos KTM
Stephen Ceruti Lem
Christopher Barna KTM
Danny Stuart KTM
65 YTH
Christopher Finch Kaw
Ryan DesRosiers Kaw
Steve Elderkin Kaw
Jared Lawrence Kaw
Justin Rando KTM
85 A
Wayne Peterson Suz
Luke Soroka Kaw
Ryan Wadsworth Suz
Kenneth Bernard Hon
Matt Shogren Kaw
85 B
David Ceruti Hon
Kevin Karbownik Kaw
Adam Waddington Kaw
Kenneth Hood Hon
William Healy Kaw
85 C
Jeremy Collett Kaw
Bryan Murphy Hon
Steven Fisk Kaw
William Decotis Kaw
Chris Sherman Suz
125 YTH A
Jeremy Eardley Hon
Greg Webster Yam
Ryan O'Connell Kaw
Aaron Preble Suz
Russell Eldridge Hon
125 YTH B
Kyle Longtin Yam
Michael Gill Suz
Michael Filiaut Yam
Adam Watkins Suz
William Hopkins Suz
125 YTH C
Kevin Karbownik Kaw
Tom Janik Hon
Warren Emerson Suz
Michael Sousa Suz
Mathew Govin Kaw
125 NOV
Frank Pereira Suz
Francis Sebio Hon
Mark Daignault Yam
Tim Hashem Hon
Gregory Hopkins Suz
125 AM
Aaron Preble Suz
John Silvia Suz
Bruce Delano Suz
Matt Baker Suz
Joseph Pelczar Suz
125 EX
Keith Johnson Kaw
Patrick Barton Suz
Austin Squires Suz
Wally Silva Suz
Timothy Christiansen Suz
200+ NOV
Jeremy McGrane Hon
David Walker Kaw
John Button Hon
Troy Gibbons Kaw
John Maher Kaw
200+ AM
Norman Baillargeon Hon
Carl Williams Suz
Jeffery Martell Hon
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200+ EX
Keith Johnson Kaw
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30+ A
Patrick Barton Suz
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Angelo Santaniello Hon
30+ B
Duane Call Suz
Larry Soullier Hon
William Pybas Hon
Larry Soullier Hon
Merle Monroe Yam
30+ C
Vincent D'Ambra Hon
Liam Monaghan Hon
Ron Manchester Suz
John Powers Suz
Kevin Stearns Kaw
35+ A
Joseph Mikalson Suz
James Meenan Suz
Angelo Santaniello Hon
Junius Hopkins Hon
Warren Emerson Hon
35+ B
Frank Pothier Kaw
Michael Gove Hon
Joe Lebrun Kaw
Robert Baer Kaw
Lee Sparks Hon
40+ A
James Meenan Suz
John Weaver Suz
William Donaghy Suz
Gary Mikalson Suz
40+ B
Max Lawrence Hon
Merle Monroe III Yam
Robert Baer Kaw
David Wheatley Kaw
Bruce Hodziewich Yam

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NESC
Central Cycles
Central Village, CT
September 21

85 A
Paul Veracka Kaw
Trenton Estes Suz
Thomas Scott-Smith Jr. Suz
Luke Soroka Hon
Ken Bernard Hon
85 B
Ryan Wadsworth Suz
Kevin Karbownik Kaw
Kenneth Hood Hon
David Ceruti Hon
Adam Waddington Kaw
85 C
Jason Lasalle Kaw
Jeremy Collett Kaw
Chris Sherman Yam
Bryan Murphy Hon
Francis Penney Hon
125 YTH A
Joshua Winchel Hon
Greg Webster Yam
Matthew Francis Kaw
Ryan O'Connell Kaw
Carl Decotis Kaw
125 YTH B
Eric Smith Kaw
Chad Jordan Yam
Adam Watkins Suz
Jeff Lazzari Kaw
Mitchell Giambattista Kaw
125 YTH C
Mike Mastalerz Suz
Kevin Deming Kaw
Kevin Karbownik Kaw
Pete Callaway Hon
Troy Strope Hon
125 NOV
Chad Costa Hon
Glemm Peruta Kaw
Gregory Hopkins Suz
Jeff Lazzari Kaw
Randy Antcil Suz
125 AM
Ryan O'Connell Kaw
Paul Veracka Kaw
Bruce Delano Suz
John Silvia Suz
Scott Furtado Suz
125 EX
Tony Lorusso Suz
Scott Carter Suz
Keith Johnson Kaw
Wally Silva Yam
Patrick Barton Suz
200+ NOV
Tony Defranzo Hon
200+ AM
John Ober Suz
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200+ EX
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Wally Silva Yam
Patrick Barton Suz
OPEN NOV
Glenn Edgerly Hon
William Hughes Hon
Joshua Lyon Suz
Jeremy Adamson Hon
Nelson Therrien Kaw
OPEN AM
Bruce Delano Suz
Philip Benito Hon
Mark Fleming Kaw
Scott Furtado Suz
James Ogorzalek Suz
OPEN EX
Richard Rogers Kaw
Vincent Deledda Hon
Rob Keller Hon
Eddie Arasimowicz Hon
Keith Goyette Suz
30+ A
Patrick Barton Suz
Joseph Mikalson Suz
Steven Burdette Yam
Gary Williams Kaw
Tom Sonier Kaw
30+ B
John Brown KTM
Bobby Hearn Hon
Paul Gilbert Kaw
William Martell Hon
Keith Ferguson Suz
30+ C
Vincent D'Ambra Hon
Lee Sparks Hon
Michael Cummings Suz
Tom Bissanti Hon
Paul Barbour Hon
35+ A
Steven Burdette Yam
John Camelio Kaw
Joseph Mikalson Suz
James Meenan Suz
Stephen Griff Suz
35+ B
John Brown KTM
Thomas Miozzi Kaw
Max Lawrence Hon
Robert Winslow Hon
Robert Doyle Suz
40+ A
James Meenan Suz
Robert Piche Kaw
John Weaver Suz
John Delgrosso Suz
Gary Mikalson Suz
40+ B
Frank Pothier Hon
Max Lawrence Hon
Robert Baer Kaw
Merle Monroe III Yam
Donald Lachapelle Yam

Motocross
NESC
Bull Run
Greene, ME
September 28

50 YTH
Justin Rando KTM
Daniel Crotty Cob
Kyle Hangos KTM
Karel Benoit Lem
Justin Laferriere Act
65 YTH
Kaven Benoit Kaw
William Healy Kaw
Ryan DesRosiers Kaw
Joseph Tracy Kaw
Corey Buck Kaw
85 A
Paul Veracka Kaw
Trenton Estes Suz
Jean Yves Allard Yam
Luke Soroka Kaw
Ryan Wadsworth Suz
85 B
David Ceruti Hon
Kenneth Hood Hon
Justin Sparks Hon
Todd Lawrence Suz
William Healy Yam

85 C
Travis Evers Hon
Blake Ferrini Yam
Jeremy Collett Kaw
Brad Adams Hon
Nathan Bacon Kaw
125 YTH A
Matthew Francis Kaw
Carl Decotis Kaw
Paul Veracka Kaw
Matt Boron Kaw
Greg Webster Yam
125 YTH B
Allen Lawrence Suz
Michael Poissonnier Suz
Chad Jordan Yam
Eric Smith Yam
Matthew Johnson Hon
125 YTH C
Adam Lebreton Hon
Dirk McCrum Hon
Dan Harding Kaw
Tom Janik Hon
Warren Emerson Suz
125 NOV
Kent Casalinvora Yam
Matthew Johnson Hon
Peter Katsoules Suz
Adam Watkins Suz
Leo Soroka Suz
125 AM
John Silvia Suz
Aaron Preble Suz
James Mahoney Hon
Chad Costa Hon
Matt Baker Suz
200+ NOV
Chad Golen Suz
Daniel Joyce Hon
John Maher Kaw
William Call Hon
John Button Hon
200+ AM
Reid Garrity Kaw
Michael May Suz
John Ober Suz
David Pomereau Suz
Cash Webb Kaw
200+ EX
Keith Johnson Kaw
Tony Lorusso Suz
Jean Sebastian Roy Suz
Scott Carter Suz
Austin Squires Suz
OPEN NOV
Chad Golen Suz
William Call Hon
Mike Newery Hon
Andy Peloquin Kaw
Jeremy McGrane Hon
OPEN AM
Hubert Rousseau Yam
Timmy Tollison Hon
David Pomereau Suz
Michael May Hon
Reid Garrity Kaw
OPEN EX
Paul Goyette Suz
Derek David Hon
Edward Arasimowicz Hon
Adrian Colon Suz
Keith Goyette Suz
30+ A
Patrick Barton Suz
Gary Williams Kaw
Joseph Mikalson Suz
Marc Paulhus Suz
Michael Deskiens Hon
30+ B
Duane Call Suz
Andy Gagne Kaw
Michael Geary Yam
Michael Cunnian Hon
Larry Soullier Hon
30+ C
Bill Givens Kaw
John Photion Hon
Vincent D'Ambra Hon
Henry Ouellette KTM
Rick Quortin Hon
35+ A
Joseph Mikalson Suz
James Meenan Suz
Marc Sleeper Kaw
Mark Hangos Suz
Carl Decotis Hon
35+ B
Thomas Miozzi Kaw
Peter Hersom Kaw
Lee Sparks Hon
William Pemberton Kaw
Donald Lachapelle Yam
40+ A
James Meenan Suz
Joe Ferrini Yam
Carl Decotis Hon
William Donaghy Suz
Gary Mikalson Suz
40+ B
Max Lawrence Hon
Peter Hersom Hon
Donald Lachapelle Yam
Merle Monroe III Yam
William Pemberton Kaw

Motocross
Horn Rapids ORV Park
Richland, WA
September 14

P/W (4-6) STK
Michael Schmeck KTM
Joshua Quantrue KTM
Mikaela Niles KTM
P/W (4-6) MOD
Greg Whitlow KTM
P/W (7-8) STK
Ray Valdez Jr. KTM
Tyler Finney KTM
Katrina Ivey Hon
60 OPEN (1-8)
Keith Batterson Kaw
Kimberlee Niles Kaw
Jordan Ritchie Kaw
60 OPEN (9-11)
Scottie Gerken Kaw
Brandon Ritchie Kaw
Cassie Carpenter Kaw
80 BEG
Kenney Birch Kaw
Brock Beckner Yam
Cody Moen Suz
80 (7-11)
Kyle Harris Kaw
80 (12-13)
Tylor Svangren Yam
Matt Charon Yam
S/MINI
Tylor Svangren Yam
Kyle Harris Kaw
Kenny Birch Kaw
COMB BEG
Devon Nickerson Suz
Karl Trautman Suz
Shan McPhearson Hon
JR
Alan Peters Suz
Jason Zuhlke Kaw
Skyyler Grant Yam
INT
Dave Silvestri Suz
Jesse Hurst Suz
125 BEG
Keith Newhouse Hon
Josh Beauvais Kaw
David Allen Hon
125 JR
Mathew Vernoy Kaw
Alan Peters Suz
Mark Jordon Suz
125 INT
Wesley Parker Suz
250 BEG
Darrell Nickerson Suz
Oscar Sheets Suz
Dave Wilz Suz
250 JR
Chris Mullinnex Kaw
Mathew Vernoy Kaw
Tom Hilker Suz
250 INT
Dave Silvestri Suz
Jay Bird Suz
250 PRO
Billy Binkley Yam
UTH BEG
Dave Wilz Suz
VET BEG
Leonard Beierle Kaw
Darrell Nickerson Suz
Karl Trautman Suz
VET JR
Ted Wolf Hon
John Wilson Suz
VET INT
Dave Silvestri Suz
O/T JR
Don Paz Hon
OPEN JR
Tom Hilker Hon

Motocross
NESC
Capeway Rovers
Middleboro, MA
October 19

50 YTH
Michael Stuart KTM
Daniel Crotty Cob
Kyle Hangos KTM
Justin Rando KTM
Brendan Fraitas KTM
65 YTH
Christopher Finch Kaw
Michael Picone Kaw
Marshall Brooks Kaw
Brian Eldridge Kaw
Steve Elderkin Kaw
85 A
Paul Veracka Kaw
Luke Soroka Kaw
Ryan Wadsworth Suz
Kenneth Bernard Hon
Wayne Peterson Kaw
85 B
Kenneth Hood Hon
Adam Waddington Kaw
William Healy Kaw
Charles Penney Yam
85 C
John Gianonio Kaw
Jeremy Collett Kaw
Bryan Murphy Hon
Eric Horman Hon
Ronald Vincent Yam
125 YTH A
Jeremy Eardley Hon
Aaron Preble Suz
Paul Veracka Kaw
Matthew Francis Kaw
Carl Decotis Kaw
125 YTH B
William Hopkins Suz
Edward Pomprowicz Suz
Michael Filiaut Yam
Michael Veracka Kaw
Kyle Longtin Yam
125 YTH C
Joshua Stewart Hon
Tom Janik Hon
Edward Leclerc Yam
Kevin Deming Kaw
Robert King Yam
125 NOV
Todd Campopiano Hon
Adam Watkins Suz
Joseph Huskins Hon
Glenn Edgerley Hon
Rob Giannetti Kaw
125 AM
Matt Baker Suz
Chad Costa Hon
William Hopkins Suz
Carl Decotis Kaw
Matt Jakan Hon
125 EX
Keith Johnson Kaw
Wally Silva Suz
Patrick Barton Suz
Eric Soucy Suz
Chadwick Shepard Suz
200+ NOV
Jeremy McGrane Hon
Philip Sousa Hon
Mark Byam Hon
Brian Heath Hon
Wallace Olson Hon
200+ AM
William Pybas Hon
Carl Williams Suz
Norman Baillargeon Hon
Joseph Pelczar Hon
John Ober Suz
200+ EX
Keith Johnson Kaw
Patrick Barton Suz
Chadwick Shepard Suz
Daniel Pepoon Suz
James Brothers Suz
30+ A
Patrick Barton Suz
William Dill Yam
Tom Sonier Kaw
Joseph Mikalson Suz
Marc Paulhaus Suz
30+ B
William Pybas Hon
Larry Soullier Hon
Frank Korpela Yam
30+ C
Vincent D'Ambra Hon
Stephen Heiner Suz
Stephen Morris Suz
George Nunes Hon
Barry Charbonneau Suz
35+ A
Joseph Mikalson Suz
John Camelio Kaw
Angelo Santaniello Hon
Timothy Brown Hon
Junius Hopkins Hon
35+ B
Russell House Kaw
Max Lawrence Hon
Robert Doyle Hon
Robert Baer Kaw
Merle Monroe III Yam
40+ A
Ronald Vincent Yam
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Matthew Francis Kaw
Greg Webster Yam
Jay Palmer Suz
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Allen Lawrence Suz
Michael Poissonnier Suz
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Matthew Johnson Hon
Eric Smith Yam
125 YTH C
Warren Emerson Suz
Jason Goucher Kaw
Adam Lebreton Hon
Dan Harding Kaw
Dirk McCrum Hon
125 NOV
Chad Costa Hon
Matthew Johnson Hon
Chad Scripture Hon
Kent Casalinova Yam
Adam Watkins Suz
125 AM
John Silvia Suz
Rich Frank Jr. Kaw
Hubert Rousseau Yam
Matt Baker Suz
Eric Smith Yam
125 EX
Tony Lorusso Suz
Keith Johnson Kaw
Scott Carter Suz
Jean Sebastian Roy Suz
Wally Silva Suz
200+ NOV
Chad Golen Suz
Troy Federson Kaw
Daniel Joyce Hon
William Call Hon
John Button Hon
200+ AM
Maxime Lapointe Kaw
Norman Baillargeon Hon
David Williams Kaw
John Ober Suz
Joseph Ragalia Kaw
OPEN NOV
Troy Fenferson Kaw
Chad Golen Suz
William Call Hon
Lee Sparks Hon
John Button Hon
OPEN AM
Hubert Rousseau Yam
Maxime Lapointe Kaw
Stephen Pilgram Kaw
Michael May Hon
David Williams Kaw
OPEN EX
Adrian Colon Suz
Paul Letendre Hon
Edward Arasimowicz Hon
Keith Goyette Suz
Paul Goyette Suz
30+ A
Patrick Barton Suz
Gary Williams Kaw
John Camelio Kaw
Stephen Griff Suz
Gary Fuoco Hon
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Bill Pybas Hon
Mike Spugnardi Hon
Billy Martell Hon
Larry Soullier Hon
Tom Miozzi Kaw
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John Micucci Hon
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James Meenan Suz
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World Championship Road Race Series
3/29 Shah Alam, Malaysia, Rnd 1
4/5 Suzuka, Japan, Rnd 2
4/19 Sentul, Indonesia, Rnd 3
5/3 Jerez, Spain, Rnd 4
5/17 Mugello, Italy, Rnd 5
5/31 Le Castellet, France, Rnd 6
6/14 Estoril, Portugal, Rnd 7
6/27 Assen, Holland, Rnd 8
7/5 Donington Park, England, Rnd 9
7/19 TBA, Germany, Rnd 10
8/23 Brno, Czech Republic, Rnd 11
9/6 Imola, Italy, Rnd 12
9/20 Barcelona, Spain, Rnd 13
10/4 Phillip Island, Australia, Rnd 14
10/18 Jacarepagua, Brazil, Rnd 15
10/25 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rnd 16

World Superbike Championship Series
3/15 Sentul, Indonesia, Rnd 1
3/22 Phillip Island, Australia, Rnd 2
4/13 Donington Park, England, Rnd 3
5/10 Monza, Italy, Rnd 4
5/24 Albacete, Spain, Rnd 5
6/7 TBA, Germany, Rnd 6
6/21 TBA, San Marino, Rnd 7
7/5 TBA, Rnd 8
7/12 Monterey, California, Rnd 9
8/2 Brands Hatch, England, Rnd 10
8/30 A-1 Ring, Austria, Rnd 11
9/6 Assen, Holland, Rnd 12
9/20 TBA, Rnd 13
10/4 Sugo, Japan, Rnd 14
10/11 Shah Alam, Malaysia, Rnd 15

World Endurance C'ship
4/19 Le Mans, France, Rnd 1
6/28 TBA, England, Rnd 2
7/12 Spa, Belgium, Rnd 3
7/26 Suzuka, Japan, Rnd 4
9/13 Le Castellet, France, Rnd 5

World Trial Championship
3/28-29 Silleda, Spain, Rnds 1, 2
4/18-19 Hawkstone Park, England, Rnds 3, 4
4/25-26 San Marino, San Marino, Rnds 5, 6
5/23-24 Nepomuk, Czech Republic, Rnds 7, 8
5/30-31 Kiefersfelden, Germany, Rnds 9, 10
6/20-21 Chaumont, Belgium, Rnds 11, 12
6/27-28 Virieu-le-Grand, France, Rnds 13, 14
7/4-5 Sant Julia, Andorra, Rnds 15, 16
8/8-9 Helsinki, Finland, Rnds 17, 18
8/15-16 Hvervenbukta-Oslo, Norway, Rnds 19, 20

Trials des Nations
9/20 Valmalenco, Italy

World 125cc Motocross Championship
3/22 Jogyakarta, Indonesia, Rnd 1
4/5 Saquarema, Brazil, Rnd 2
4/19 Bellpuig, Spain, Rnd 3
5/17 Orehova Vas, Slovakia, Rnd 4
5/24 Donington Park, England, Rnd 5
6/7 Nismes, Belgium, Rnd 6
6/14 Brogo Mag, San Marino, Rnd 7
6/28 Montevarchi, Italy, Rnd 8
7/12 Launsdorf, Austria, Rnd 9
7/19 Oss, Holland, Rnd 10
8/9 Chateau-du-Loir, France, Rnd 11
8/23 Bielstein, Germany, Rnd 12

1998 World 250cc Motocross Championship
3/29 Talavera, Spain, Rnd 1
4/5 Agueda, Portugal, Rnd 2
4/19 Valkenswaard, Holland, Rnd 3
4/26 Villars-Ecot, France, Rnd 4
5/10 Leuven, Europe, Rnd 5
5/24 Donington Park, England, Rnd 6
6/7 Asti, Italy, Rnd 7
6/14 Jinin, Czech Republic, Rnd 8
6/28 Bandung, Indonesia, Rnd 9
7/19 Maracay, Venezuela, Rnd 10
7/26 Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Rnd 11
8/9 Teutschenthal, Germany, Rnd 12
8/16 Mol, Belgium, Rnd 13
8/30 Gdynia, Poland, Rnd 14
9/6 Roggenburg, Switzerland, Rnd 15
9/13 Megalopolis, Greece, Rnd 16

World 500cc MX Championship
4/5 Mantova, Italy, Rnd 1
4/19 Payerne, Switzerland, Rnd 2
4/26 Sscwanenstadt, Austria, Rnd 3
5/10 Vasteras, Sweden, Rnd 4
5/17 Vantaa, Finland, Rnd 5
6/7 Osuna, Spain, Rnd 6
6/21 Loket, Czech Republic, Rnd 7
6/28 Sverepeck, Slovakia, Rnd 8
7/19 Ernee, France, Rnd 9
8/2 Namur, Belgium, Rnd 10
8/9 Rhenen, Holland, Rnd 11
8/30 Wachtersbach, Germany, Rnd 12

Motocross des Nations
9/27 Foxhill, England

World Individual Speedway Championship
5/15 Prague, Czech Republic, Rnd 1
6/5 Pocking, Germany, Rnd 2
6/19 Vojens, Denmark, Rnd 3
8/7 Bradford, England, Rnd 4
8/28 Linkoping, Sweden, Rnd 5
9/18 Bydgoszcz, Poland, Rnd 6
10/3 Pardubice, Czech Republic, Rnd 7

FIM World Supercross C'ship
11/23 Tokyo, Japan, Rnd 5
11/30 Osaka, Japan, Rnd 6
12/5-6 Geneva, Switzerland, Rnd 7, 8

AMA Supercross Series
1/10 Los Angeles, CA, Rnd 1
1/17 Houston, TX, Rnd 2
1/24 Phoenix, AZ, Rnd 3
1/31 Seattle, WA, Rnd 4
2/7 San Diego, CA, Rnd 5
2/14 Indianapolis, IN, Rnd 6
2/21 Atlanta, GA, Rnd 7
3/7 Daytona Beach, FL, Rnd 8
3/14 New Orleans, LA, Rnd 9
3/21 Minneapolis, MN, Rnd 10
3/28 St. Louis, MO, Rnd 11
4/4 Pontiac, MI, Rnd 12
4/18 Charlotte, NC, Rnd 13
4/25 Dallas, TX, Rnd 14
5/2 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 15

AMA National MX Series
3/1 Gainesville, FL, Rnd 1
5/10 San Bernardino, CA, Rnd 2
5/17 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 3
5/24 Mount Morris, PA, Rnd 4
6/14 Budds Creek, MD, Rnd 5
6/21 Southwick, MA, Rnd 6
7/5 Buchanan, MI, Rnd 7
7/19 New Berlin, NY, Rnd 8
7/26 Troy, OH, Rnd 9
8/2 Washougal, WA, Rnd 10
8/16 Millville, MN, Rnd 11
8/30 Binghamton, NY, Rnd 12
9/6 Delmont, PA, Rnd 13

AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series
11/14-16 Des Moines, IA, Rnd 1
11/21-23 Albany, NY, Rnd 2
12/5-7 Rockford, IL, Rnd 3
1/2-4 Fort Worth, TX, Rnd 4
1/9-11 Oklahoma City, OK, Rnd 5
1/16-18 Hampton, VA, Rnd 6
1/23-25 New Haven, CT, Rnd 7
1/30-2/1 Niagara Falls, NY, Rnd 8
2/6-8 Winston-Salem, NC, Rnd 9
2/13-15 Milwaukee, WI, Rnd 10
2/20-22 Denver, CO, Rnd 11
2/27-3/1 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 12
3/13-15 San Francisco, CA, Rnd 13
3/20-22 Salt Lake City, UT, Rnd 14
Info 817/246-7400

AMA Texas Championship Hare Scrambles Series
11/23 Waco, TX
12/7 Rockne, TX
1/18 Fort Hood, TX
2/1 San Antonio, TX
2/15 Rockne, TX
3/29 Columbus, TX
4/26 TBA
6/7 Rockne, TX
6/21 Fort Hood, TX
7/26 Conroe, TX
8/30 TBA
10/11 Montgomery, TX
11/8 TBA
12/6 Fort Hood, TX
Info 409/732-9171

AMA/U.S. Eastern Pro-Am Motocross Fall Series
11/16 Danville, VA
Info 804/724-4392

AMA/Prostar Drag Racing Series
11/13-16 Gainesville, FL, Rnd 7

AMA Virginia Flat Track State Championship Series
11/16 Danville, VA
Info 804/836-0710 or 804/724-4392

AMA/District 36 Enduro Series
11/16 Ballinger Canyon, CA, Rnd 14
Info 408/281-3805

AMA/District 36 Family Enduro Series
11/23 Stonyford, CA
11/29 Foresthill, CA
Info 408/281-3805

AMA National Dual Sport Trail Ride Series
11/28-29 Los Angeles, CA

AMA/District 36 Cross Country Series
11/16 Prairie City, CA, Rnd 15
11/16 Moved to National, Feb 1998
11/29 Lovelock to Fernly, NV, Rnd 16
Info 408/294-3438

AMA/District 37 Dual Sport Ride Series
11/16 Riverside, CA
11/28-29 Azusa, CA (LA-B to V)
12/28 Mojave, CA
614/891-2425 (3,1)

AMA Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series
11/23 Fordsville, KY
12/7 Greenville, KY
12/14 Johnsonville, TN
1/18 Lawrenceburg, TN
2/1 TBA
2/15 Van Leer, TN
3/22 Cadiz, KY
3/29 Dickson, TN
Info 615/859-0873

AHRMA/Progressive Suspension Historic Cup Road Race Series
11/15-16 Faulkville, GA, Rnds 18,19
Info 715/842-9699

Great Lakes Road Racing Association Series
4/18-19 Grattan, MI
5/9-10 Indianapolis, IN
5/30-31 Grattan, MI
6/10-11 Elkhart Lake, WI
7/4-5 Grattan, MI
7/15-16 Lexington, OH
8/8-9 Indianapolis, IN
8/22-23 Grattan, MI
9/19-20 Grattan, MI
Info 616/458-5888

CCS/Championship Cup Road Racing Series
California Region
12/6-7 Las Vegas, NV*
12/20-21 Phoenix, AZ
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12/13-14 Homestead, FL*
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12/20-21 Phoenix, AZ*
*Double Points Event
Info 704/684-4297

AHRMA SOS/BOT/ Sound of Thunder Series
11/15-16 Faulkville, GA, Rnd 18,19
Info 715/842-9699

AHRMA So Cal MX Series
11/16 Piru, CA
Info 909/929-6772

AHRMA Western Regional Trials Series
11/22 Auburn, CA
Info 916/967-0262

AHRMA Dixie Cup Road Race Series
11/15-16 Faulkville, GA, Rnd 4
Info 715/842-9699

Texas/AHRMA Vintage Iron Series
11/23 Swan, TX
12/7 Rio Bravo, TX
Info 281/679-5764

LaPlaya MX Grand Prix Series
12/7 Rosarito, BC/Mexico
3/1 Rosarito, BC/Mexico
5/17 Rosarito, BC/Mexico
8/23 Rosarito, BC/Mexico
10/4 Rosarito, BC/Mexico
12/6 Rosarito, BC/Mexico
Info 011/52-661-22525

ECEA Championship Hare Scrambles Series
11/23 Greenbank, NJ
Info 717/865-0601

ECEA Dual Sport Series
11/16 Greenbank, NJ
Info 717/865-0601

VMA State Championship Vintage MX Series
11/16 Hanford, CA, Rnd 5
Info 209/661-0706

Central California Rough Scrambles C'ship Series
11/23 Madera, CA, Rnd 12
Info 209/661-0706

Southeastern Trials Riders Association C'ship Series
11/15-16 Cumming, GA
Info 423/942-8688

American Trials Association
11/16 San Gabriel Canyon, CA
11/30 Lucerne Valley, CA
1/11 Romoland, CA
2/1 Rock Ranch, CA
2/22 Corral Canyon, CA
3/22 Lucerne, CA

4/25-26 El Trial, CA
6/6-7 Big Bear, CA
Info 714/562-7742

Arkansas Hare Scrambles Championship Series
11/30 Fort Smith, AR
Info 501/646-7000

KORR Hare Scrambles Championship Series
11/16 Arkansas City, KS
12/7 Hillsboro, KS
Info 316/942-6527

Black Jack Enduro Circuit
11/16 Muenster, TX

Southern Enduro Riders Ass'n Hare Scrambles Series
11/23 Warrior, AL
12/7 Maplesville, AL
1/4 Saucier, MS
1/18 Maplesville, AL
2/8 Wiggins, MS
Info 504/665-0313

SETRA Hare Scrambles
11/23 Odenville, AL, Rnd 3
11/30 Clinton, SC, Rnd 4
12/7 Columbia, SC, Rnd 5
12/14 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 6
1/4 Greensboro, GA, Rnd 7
1/18 Maplesville, AL, Rnd 8
2/8 Abbeville, SC, Rnd 9
2/15 Columbus, GA, Rnd 10
2/22 Macon, GA, Rnd 11
3/8 Braselton, GA, Rnd 12
3/22 Cross Anchor, SC, Rnd 13
3/29 Knoxville, TN, Rnd 14
Info 706/327-4015

SETRA C'ship Enduro Series
11/16 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 8
1/11 Charleston, SC, Rnd 9
1/25 Wedgefield, SC, Rnd 10
3/1 Pelion, SC, Rnd 11
3/5 Daytona, FL, Rnd 12
3/15 Greensboro, GA, Rnd 13
4/5 Morganton, NC, Rnd 14
4/19 Cochran, GA, Rnd 15
4/16 Clanton, AL, Rnd 16
5/3 Olustee, FL, Rnd 17
5/17 Tarrytown, FL, Rnd 18
6/7 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 19
Info 706/327-4015

Northwest Motorcycle Association Off-Road Series
11/30 Kent, WA
Info 206/242-7044

FTR Championship Series Hare Scrambles
11/22-23 Bostwick, FL
12/6-7 South Venice, FL
1/3-4 TBA
1/17-18 TBA
1/31-2/1 TBA
2/21-22 TBA
3/21-22 TBA
4/4-5 TBA
4/18-19 Vero Beach, FL
Info 407/264-0559

FTR C'ship Enduro Series
1/11 Charleston, SC
3/8 Ocala National Forest, FL
5/3 Olustee, FL
5/17 Richloam, FL
5/31 Daytona, FL
Info 407/264-0559

FTR Motocross Series
11/16 Hilliard, FL, Rnd 2
12/14 Dade City, FL, Rnd 3
12/21 Bithlo, FL, Rnd 4
1/25 Okeechobee, FL, Rnd 5
2/15 Bunnell, FL, Rnd 6
3/15 Panama City, FL, Rnd 7
4/26 Okeechobee, FL, Rnd 8
5/10 Bunnell, FL, Rnd 9
5/17 Hilliard, FL, Rnd 10
Info 407/264-0559

CMRRA 50cc/125cc C'ship Road Race Series
11/23 Riverside, CA
12/7 Palomar, CA
Info 909/674-5357

WSMC Road Race Series
11/15-16 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 11
12/20-21 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 12
1/17-18 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 1
2/14-15 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 2
3/14-15 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 3
4/18-19 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 4
5/16-17 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 5
6/20-21 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 6
7/18-19 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 7
8/15-16 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 8
9/19-20 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 9
10/17-18 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 10
11/14-15 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 11
12/19-20 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 12
Info 805/256-1234

CMC West Coast Arenacross Challenge
11/14-15-16 Reno, NV
2/27-28-3/1 Sacramento, CA
TBA Las Vegas, NV
Info 702/267-4392

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Nov 14-16

* CALIFORNIA ARENACROSS - CMC/On Trac Events, West Coast Arenacross Challenge, Cow Palace, San Francisco. Info: 702/267-4392.

Nov 15-16

ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - AMX Grand Canyon State Championship/CMC Copper State Classic, Rnd 6, Speedworld, Phoenix. Info: 520/634-6133.

CALIFORNIA ROAD RACE - Willow Springs Motorcycle Club, Willow Springs International Raceway, Rnd 11, Rosamond. Info: 805/256-1234.

OREGON MOTOCROSS - Millican MX Grand Prix, Rnds 5 & 6, Gold Cup Series, Bend. Info: 541/389-0088 or 541/383-4195.

Sat, Nov 15

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 619/484-1441.

* CALIFORNIA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - The Barn-Burner Series, Night Race, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Info: 408/374-4298.

CALIFORNIA SUPERCROSS - Starwest Supercross Park, Night Racing, Moreno Valley. Info: 909/943-4535 or 909/657-8845.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Dade City Raceway, Pasco County Fairgrounds, Night MX, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697.

* FLORIDA SUPERCROSS - Northeastern Supercross Raceway, Night Race Under the Lights, Clay Track, races every other Saturday, MacClenny. Info: 904/387-4911; call before you haul.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - South Florida Sports Committee, Pepsi Air Dania MX Park, Night Race, Fort Lauderdale. Info: 954/321-9422.

* OKLAHOMA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - Vintage Dirt Track Racers Association, Total Performance Racing, McClain County Expo, Purcell. Info: 918/836-6999.

Sun, Nov 16

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Tuskegee Motocross Park, Tuskegee. Info: 334/297-1894.

CALIFORNIA VINTAGE MOTOCROSS - VMA State Championship Series, Vintage and EVO, Hanford Fairgrounds, Hanford. Info: 209/661-0706.

CALIFORNIA ENDURO - AMA/District 37, CCMA, Ballinger. Info: 310/376-1329.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - Glen Helen Sponsorship Series Wild Turkey, San Bernardino. Info: 805/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA DESERT RACE - The Cycle Parts West Notorious Dawg 3-Hour Team Race, Axel Racing, Kids' Minibike Race, District 38, Yuha. Info: 619/427-5759.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - 1997 AMP California Octoberfest Series, Rnd 4, Carnegie Cycle Park. Info: 209/656-9682.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT RIDE - AMA/District 37, Malcolm Smith Motorsports, Glen Helen Raceway, San Bernardino. Info: 909/687-1300.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AHRMA/Vintage MX, Lemon Grove MX Park, Piru. Info: 805/521-0808.

CALIFORNIA ENDURO - AMA/District 36&37, CCMA, Ballinger Canyon, Cuyama. Info: 805/462-3024.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Thousand Oaks Kawasaki Winter Warm-Up Series/SSC MX, Lake Castaic MX. Info: 805/294-0020.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - California Coastal Promotions, California Mid State Fairgrounds, Paso Robles. Info: 805/237-2288 or 805/544-8618.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - O'Neal Central California Championship MX Series, Little Okie, Madera. Info: 209/673-8080.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Argyll Park Promotions, CMC, Dixon. Info: 707/678-3592.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Double A Promotions, North Florida Raceway, Jacksonville. Info: 904/268-2223.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - FTR Motocross Championship Series, North Florida Raceway-Hilliard, Jacksonville. Info: 904/845-2076 or 941/591-2790.

KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - Red River Hare Scrambles, Bluegrass Sports, Clay City. Info: 606/744-5916.

* LOUISIANA MOTOCROSS - CMC, Argyll Park Promotions, Argyll Park, Dixon. Info: 707/678-3592.

* MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA/Districts 7&13, Budds Creek MX Park. Info: 301/475-2000.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Timberland MX Raceways, Poplar Bluff. Info: 573/686-4187.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Mid-America Motocross Productions, Challenge Trax, Missouri State Championship Series Final, Kingsville. Info: 816/779-5020.

* NEW JERSEY MOTOCROSS - AMA/Powerline Park, New Egypt Speedway, New Egypt. Info: 732/752-7305.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge SX, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

OKLAHOMA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - Total Performance Racing, Cedar Springs Arena, Mustang. Info: 918/836-6999.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - 12th annual Toys for Tots Turkey Run, Proffer Promotions & U.S. Marines, CRC, Big Valley, East Palestine. Info: 330/538-2220.

PENNSYLVANIA PARTS SHOW - J&P Promotions, 2nd annual Motorcycle Parts Extravaganza, York Fairgrounds, west wings of Memorial Hall. Info: 319/462-6011.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - Seventh annual Top Texan MX Series/GNC Motocross, Mosier Valley DFW, Dallas/Fort Worth. Info: 214/351-9900.

* VIRGINIA FLAT TRACK - AMA Virginia Flat Track State Championship Series, Birch Creek Motorsports Park, Danville. Info: 804/836-0710 or 724-4392.

* VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - U.S. Eastern Pro-Am Fall Series, AMA/Birch Creek Motorsports Inc., Birch Creek Motorsports Park, Danville. Info: 804/724-4392 or 836-0710.

Nov 21-23

* NEVADA ARENACROSS - CMC/On Trac Events, West Coast Arenacross Challenge, Reno Livestock Events Center, Reno. Info: 702/267-4392.

* OHIO ARENACROSS - AMA/Action Sports Promotions Inc., Hara Arena, Dayton. Info: 614/594-6686.

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Sunday, November 23 Hanford, CA
Sunday, December 7 Little Okie, Madera CA
Sunday, December 14 Hanford, CA

CMC Racing - 714/367-1141
CMC Golden State Nationals
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Jan 11th Rnd. 1 Quail Canyon OHV, Gorman CA
Jan 18th Rnd. 2 Competition Park, San Jacinto, CA
Feb 1st Rnd. 3 L.A.C.R., Palmdale, CA
Feb 15th Rnd. 4 Glen Helen Rcwy, Devore, CA

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Sat., Nov 22 GFI Super Saturday Race Perris
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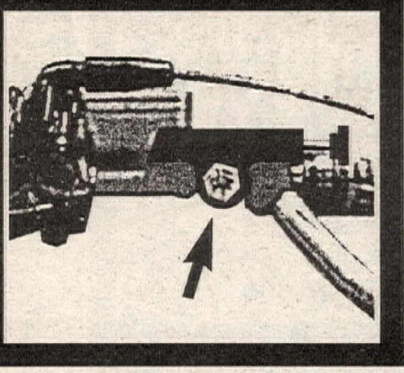

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Sun., Nov 16, Tulare Benefit Race, Open Traction Scrambles
Sat., Dec 6 M.X. & Dirt Track Practice 9am-2pm
Sat., Dec 20 M.X. & Dirt Track Practice 9am-2pm
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Sun Nov 16 Rd. 4 Carnegie Cycle Park, Tracy, CA
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Sun Nov 23 Oatfield Rcwy Final Round, Turlock, CA
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CALENDAR

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Nov 22-23

* TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - Rose Racing, annual fall Memphis MX Championship, Tennessee.

Sat, Nov 22

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 619/484-1441.

* CALIFORNIA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - The Barn-Burner Series, Night Race, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Info: 408/374-4298.

CALIFORNIA SUPERCROSS - Starwest Supercross Park, Night Racing, Moreno Valley. Info: 909/943-4535 or 909/657-8845.

* CANADA ARENA-CROSS - CMA/Future West, The BC Arenacross Championship, Abbotsford Agrifair Arena, Abbotsford Fairgrounds, Abbotsford. Info: 604/794-3824.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Dade City Raceway, Pasco County Fairgrounds, Rnd 21, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - South Florida Sports Committee, Pepsi Air Dania MX Park, Night Race, Fort Lauderdale. Info: 954/321-9422.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Masters, 25+, Sportsmen Race, Las Vegas Motocross Club, New Las Vegas Motor Speedway, gate one, Las Vegas. Info: 702/565-7876.

* OKLAHOMA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - Total Performance Racing, Bed Rock Arena, Glen Pool. Info: 918/836-6999.

WASHINGTON POKER RUN - NMA Benefit Poker Run, Northwest Motorcycle Association Poker Run Series, Shelton Fairgrounds, Shelton. Info: 206/774-1454.

Sun, Nov 23

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Alabama Fall Series, Kilpatrick Motocross, Albertville. Info: 205/561-3495.

CALIFORNIA ROUGH SCRAMBLES - RS Racing Central California Championship Series, Rnd 12, Madera Fairgrounds, Madera. Info: 209/661-0706.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Los Angeles County Raceway, Sponsorship Series, Palmdale. Info: 805/272-8889.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC/Wildcat Canyon Road, Race 19, Barona Oaks. Info: 619/752-8252.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - 1997 AMP California Octoberfest Series, Final Round, Oatfield Raceway, Turlock. Info: 209/656-9682.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Cycleland Speedway, Chico. Info: 916/342-0063.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Second annual Christmas Series, Rnd 1, Lemon Grove MX Park, Piru. Info: 805/521-0808.

CALIFORNIA ENDURO - Richmond Ramblers AMA, District 36, Stonyford. Info: 510/741-1147.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Over The Hill Gang Race, Lemon Grove, Piru. Info: 562/925-9634.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Thousand Oaks Kawasaki Winter Warm-Up Series/SSC MX, Sunrise Cycle Park, Adelanto. Info: 805/294-0020.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - O'Neal Central California Championship MX Series, Hanford. Info: 209/673-8080.

* KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series, Fordsville. Info: 615/859-0873.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Las Vegas Motocross Club, New Las Vegas Motor Speedway, gate one, Las Vegas. Info: 702/565-7876.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Over The Hill Gang, Rnd 5, Fernley International Raceway, Fernley. Info: 702/322-4311.

* NEW JERSEY MOTOCROSS - AMA/Powerline Park, New Egypt Speedway, New Egypt. Info: 732/752-7305.

* NEW JERSEY HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA/ECEA, Meteor Motorcycle Club, Sandy Lane Enduro, Stafford Township Maintenance Access Road, Manahawkin, Stafford Township. Info: 609/494-1321.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Dirtworld Promotions and AMC Sanctioned, Montrose MX, Raeford. Info: 919/554-4467.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge SX, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Side by Side Racing, Rolling Hills Cycle Park, Reidsville. Info: 910/342-1037.

* OKLAHOMA HARE SCRAMBLES - OCCRA/Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association, Ardmore. Info: 405/366-1051.

TEXAS VINTAGE MOTOCROSS - Texas/AHRMA Vintage Iron Fall Series, Swan. Info: 281/679-5764.

* TEXAS SHORT TRACK - Mineola MC, Action Speedway, Hwy 69 North, Mineola. Info: 903/768-2415.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - Seventh annual Top Texan MX Series/GNC Motocross, Burleson MX, Burleson. Info: 214/351-9900.

Nov 24-29

FLORIDA WINTER NATIONAL OLYMPICS - World Sports Winter National Olympics, St. Petersburg. Info: 813/823-2090.

Wed, Nov 26

CALIFORNIA HARE & HOUND - AMA/District 37, Desert Viper, Barstow. Info: 310/376-1329.

Nov 28-29

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT RIDE - AMA/District 37, LA-Barstow to Vegas, Bert's MC Mall, Azusa. Info: 818/249-2141.

Nov 29-30

ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - Final Round, AMX Grand Canyon State Championship/CMC Copper State Classic, Rnd 7, Verde Valley Motorplex, Cottonwood. Info: 520/634-6133.

Sat, Nov 29

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - International Speedway, Speedway/Pro-Am 600/Sidecars, Imperial Valley Fairgrounds Speedway. Info: 714/492-9933.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 619/484-1441.

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* OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - World Championship, AMA/Action Sports Promotions Inc., Athens. Info: 614/594-MOTO.

Sun, Nov 30

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Alabama Fall Series Final Race, Kilpatrick MX, Albertville. Info: 205/561-3495

* ARIZONA HARE SCRAMBLES - JML Promotions Inc., River front Grand Prix, Fort Smith. Info: 501/648-1696.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - SRA/Grand Prix, Glen Helen, San Bernardino. Info: 714/957-2985.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Los Angeles County Raceway, Trophy Series, Palmdale. Info: 805/272-8889.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Second annual Christmas Series, Rnd 2, Lemon Grove MX Park, Piru. Info: 805/521-0808.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Echconnee MX Club, Macon. Info: 912/788-8227 or 956-5420.

KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - Red River Hare Scrambles, Bluegrass Sports, Clay City. Info: 606/744-5916.

* MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA/Districts 7&13, Budds Creek MX Park. Info: 301/475-2000.

MINNESOTA PARTS SHOW - J&P Promotions, 10th annual Motorcycle Parts Extravaganza, St. Paul Civic Center. Info: 319/462-6011.

* NEW JERSEY MOTOCROSS - AMA/Powerline Park, New Egypt Speedway, New Egypt. Info: 732/752-7305.

* NEW YORK SCRAMBLES - AMA, Square Deal Riders MC, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/775-0770 or 693-2634.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Dirtworld Promotions and AMC Sanctioned, Montrose MX, Raeford. Info: 919/554-4467.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge SX, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - CRA/Wagner Racing Promotions, Broken Spokes Raceway, New Philadelphia. Info: 330/682-9231.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - Pro-Circuit Regional Fall Classic, Rnd 5, Village Creek MX Park Inc., Fort Worth. Info: 817/572-7713.

WASHINGTON HARE SCRAMBLES - Nasty Wench Hare Scrambles Northwest Motorcycle Association Off-road Series/Team Crutch, Seattle International Raceway, Kent. Info: 360/793-3264.

Thur, Dec 4

CALIFORNIA HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA/District 37, Dirt Diggers, Red Mountain. Info: 310/376-1329.

Dec 5-7

* OHIO ARENACROSS - AMA/Action Sports Promotions Inc., Expo Center Coliseum at the Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus. Info: 614/594-6686.

Fri, Dec 5

CALIFORNIA INDOOR SWAP MEET - Inter Shows Promotions, Indoor MC Swap Meet Series, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 714/364-2542.

* OHIO ARENACROSS - AMA/Action Sports Promotions Inc., Ohio Expo Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus. Info: 614/594-MOTO.

Dec 6-7

CALIFORNIA SUPER TT - Buttonwillow Raceway, Buttonwillow Raceway Park, Buttonwillow. Info: 805/764-5333.

Sat, Dec 6

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC/Wildcat Canyon Road, Race 20, Barona Oaks. Info: 619/752-8252.

* CALIFORNIA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - The Barn-Burner Series, Night Race, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Info: 408/374-4298.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Dade City Raceway, Night MX, Dade City.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - South Florida Sports Committee, Pepsi Air Dania MX Park, Night Race, Fort Lauderdale. Info: 954/321-9422.

* OHIO ARENACROSS - AMA/Action Sports Promotions Inc., Ohio Expo Center State Fairgrounds, Columbus. Info: 614/594-MOTO.

Sun, Dec 7

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - Racing Enterprises, Christmas GP, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 619/484-1441.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Edwards AFB, CRC, Trophy Series. Info: 805/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA DESERT RACE - RGR Racings Rudolph's Revenge Desert Grand Prix, District 38, Superstition Mountains. Info: 619/427-5759.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC/Wildcat Canyon Road, Race 21, Barona Oaks. Info: 619/752-8252.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Second annual Christmas Series, Rnd 3, Lemon Grove MX Park, Piru. Info: 805/521-0808.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMC/Dave Coupe Promotions, E St Sand Track, Marysville. Info: 916/673-5956.

CALIFORNIA CYCLE SHOW & SWAP MEET - Long Beach Cycle Show, Long Beach Veterens Stadium, Long Beach. Info: 714/557-1846.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Over The Hill Gang Race, Edwards AFB, Edwards. Info: 562/925-9634.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Thousand Oaks Kawasaki Winter Warm-Up Series/SSC MX, Hungry Valley MX, Gorman. Info: 805/294-0020.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - O'Neal Central California Championship MX Series, Little Okie, Madera. Info: 209/673-8080.

* KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series, Greenville. Info: 615/859-0873.

* MEXICO MOTOCROSS - Too Much Fun Promotions/La Playa Grand Prix Series, Cantamar, Rosarito, Baja. Info: 011/52-661-22525.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Las Vegas Motocross Club, New Las Vegas Motor Speedway, gate one, Las Vegas. Info: 702/565-7876.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Old Timers, Rnd 6, Fernley International Raceway, Fernley. Info: 702/322-4311.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge SX, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

* OHIO ARENACROSS - AMA/Action Sports Promotions Inc., Ohio Expo Center State Fairgrounds, Columbus. Info: 614/594-MOTO.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - Mansfield Motorcycle Club, Mansfield. Info: 419/774-0430.

* OKLAHOMA HARE SCRAMBLES - OCCRA/Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association, Gruber. Info: 405/366-1051.

TEXAS VINTAGE MOTOCROSS - Texas/AHRMA Vintage Iron Fall Series, Rio Bravo. Info: 281/679-5764.

Dec 12-14

* NEBRASKA ARENA CROSS - K Promotions, Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney. Info: 402/475-3434.

Fri, Dec 12

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - AMA/Henderson Arena, Jackson. Info: 614/596-2057.

Dec 13-14

* FLORIDA ROAD RACE - CCS/Homestead Motorsports Complex, Homestead. Info: 561/793-3394.

Sat, Dec 13

* CALIFORNIA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - The Barn-Burner Series, Night Race, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Info: 408/374-4298.

* CANADA ARENA-CROSS - CMA/Future West, The BC Arena-Cross Championship, Abbotsford Agrifair Arena, Abbotsford Fairgrounds, Abbotsford. Info: 604/794-3824.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Dade City Raceway, Night MX, Dade City.

* FLORIDA SUPERCROSS - Northeastern Supercross Raceway, Night Race Under the Lights, Clay Track, races every other Saturday, MacClenny. Info: 904/387-4911; call before you haul.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - South Florida Sports Committee, Pepsi Air Dania MX Park, Night Race, Fort Lauderdale. Info: 954/321-9422.

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - AMA/Henderson Arena, Jackson. Info: 614/596-2057.

Sun, Dec 14

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - CMMX Inc., Chandler Mountain Motocross, Steele. Info: 205/681-8317.

CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET - The Shop, American Motorcycle Specialists, All Brand MC Swap Meet and Used Bikes Corral, Ventura County Fairgrounds. Info: 805/650-6777.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - Los Angeles County Raceway, CRC, Trophy Series, Merry Christmas, Palmdale. Info: 805/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Marysville Motocross, Riverfront Park, Marysville. Info: 916/695-2727.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Second annual Christmas Series, Rnd 4, Lemon Grove MX Park, Piru. Info: 805/521-0808.

CALIFORNIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Dirt Diggers MC, District 37, Spangler Hills, Red Mountain. Info: 909/883-5259.

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OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - Sunset Ramblers, Motorcycle Club of Galion. Info: 419/562-6931.

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - AMA/Henderson Arena, Jackson. Info: 614/596-2057.

* TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series, New Johnsonville. Info: 615/859-0873.

Dec 20-21

CALIFORNIA ROAD RACE - Willow Springs Motorcycle Club, Willow Springs International Raceway, Rnd 12, Rosamond. Info: 805/256-1234.

Sat, Dec 20

* CALIFORNIA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - The Barn-Burner Series, Night Race, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Info: 408/374-4298.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Dade City Raceway, Night MX, Dade City.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - South Florida Sports Committee, Pepsi Air Dania MX Park, Night Race, Fort Lauderdale. Info: 954/321-9422.

Sun, Dec 21

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Kilpatrick MX, Albertville. Info: 205/561-3495

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - Tom Anderson's Sandhill Ranch AKA Tommy Ville, Brentwood. Info: 510/634-3328.

CALIFORNIA VINTAGE GRAND PRIX - AHRMA/Vintage and Tom Andersons Sandhill Ranch, Brentwood. Info: 510/634-3328.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Las Vegas Motocross Club, New Las Vegas Motor Speedway, gate one, Las Vegas. Info: 702/565-7876.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge SX, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

Sat, Dec 27

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Dade City Raceway, Night MX, Dade City.

* FLORIDA SUPERCROSS - Northeastern Supercross Raceway, Night Race Under the Lights, Clay Track, races every other Saturday, MacClenny. Info: 904/387-4911; call before you haul.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - South Florida Sports Committee, Pepsi Air Dania MX Park, Night Race, Fort Lauderdale. Info: 954/321-9422.

Sun, Dec 28

KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - Red River Hare Scrambles, Bluegrass Sports, Clay City. Info: 606/744-5916.

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* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge SX, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

Wed, Dec 31

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Thur, Jan 1

* CALIFORNIA MARATHON - Tom Anderson's Sandhill Ranch, 25th annual Hangover Marathon, Brentwood. Info: 510/634-3328.

Sat, Jan 3

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - South Florida Sports Committee, Night Race, Pepsi Air Dania MX Park, Fort Lauderdale, Dania. Info: 954/321-9422.

Sun, Jan 4

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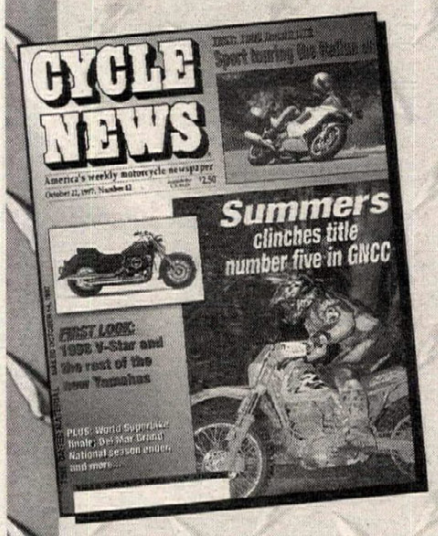

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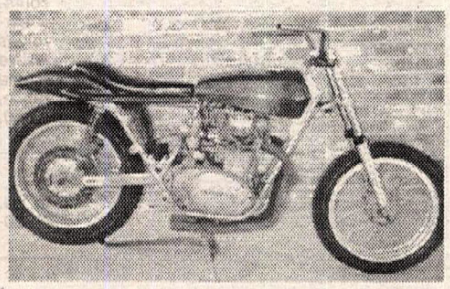

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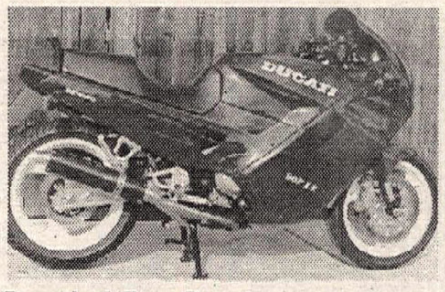

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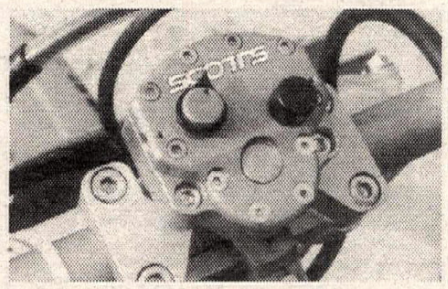

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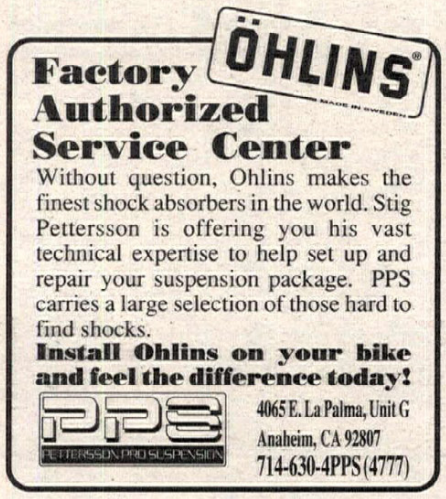

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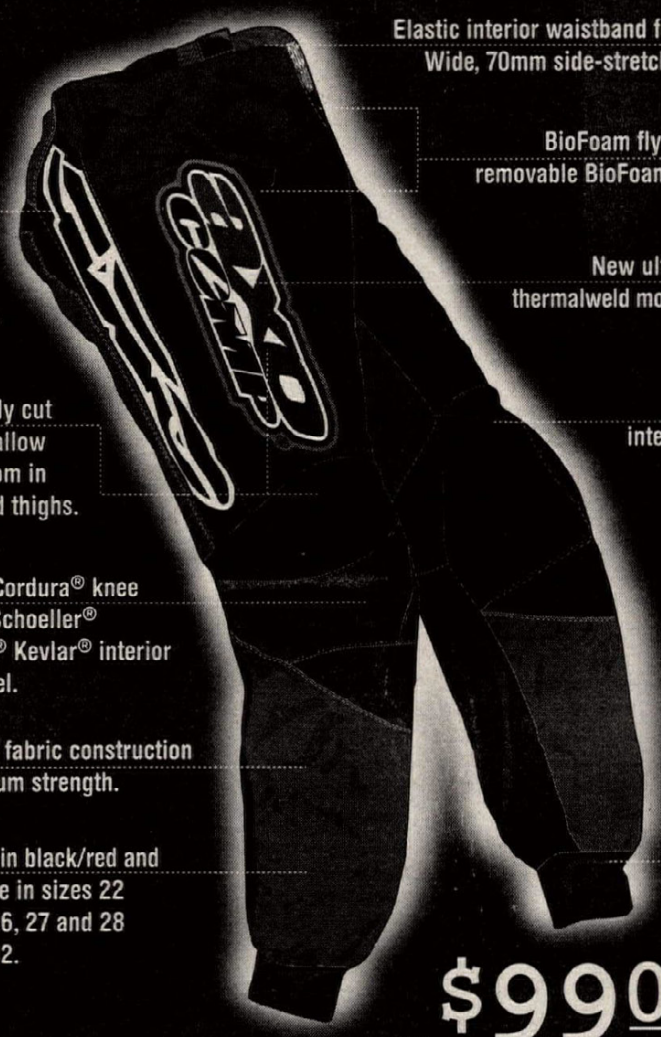

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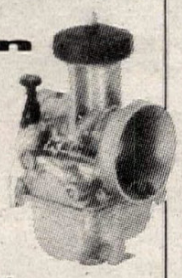

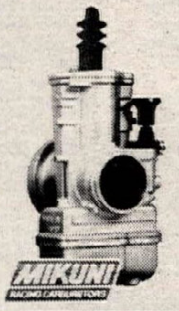

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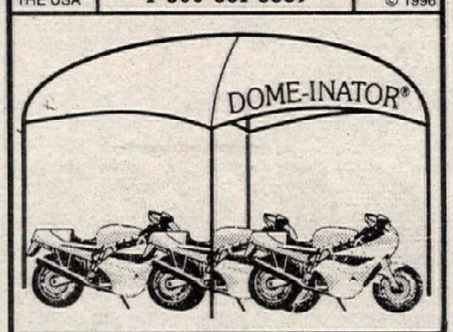

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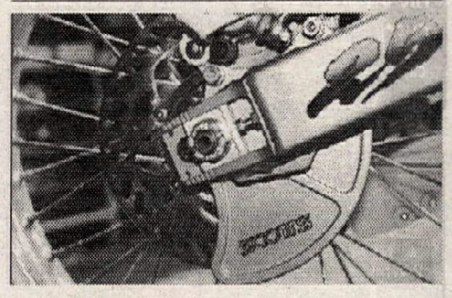

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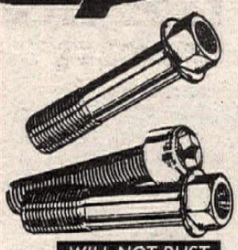

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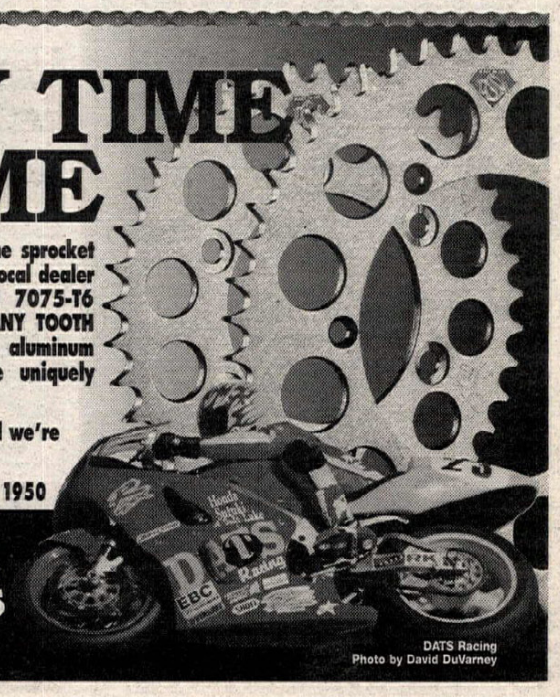

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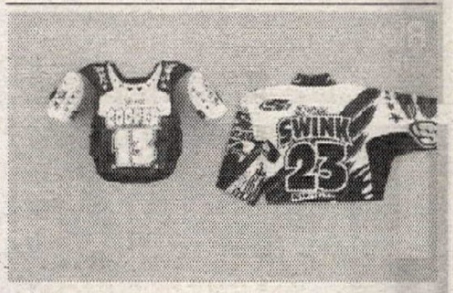

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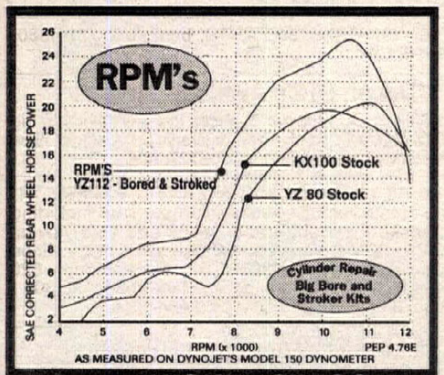

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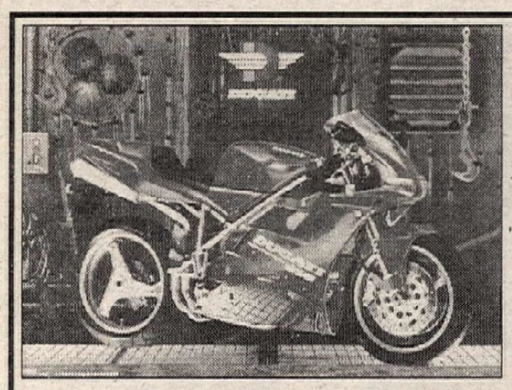

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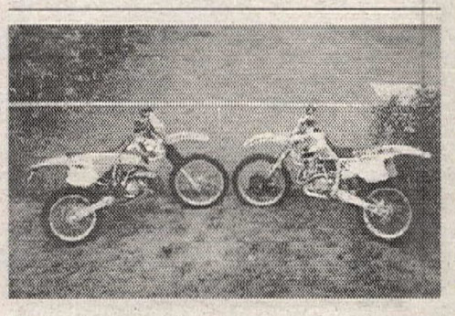

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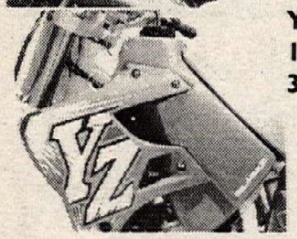

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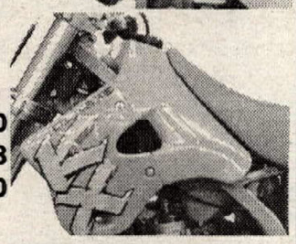

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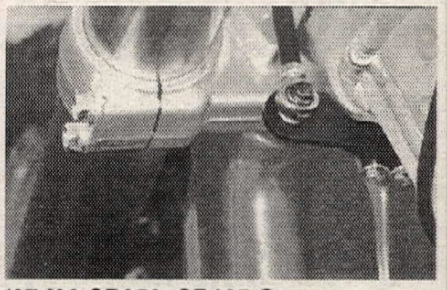

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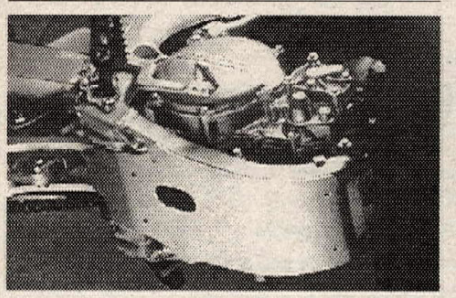

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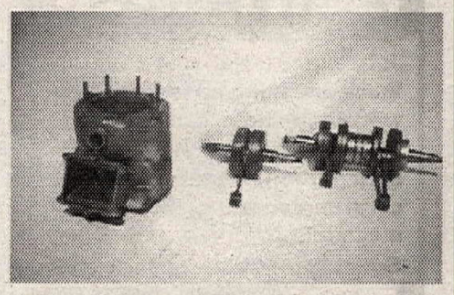

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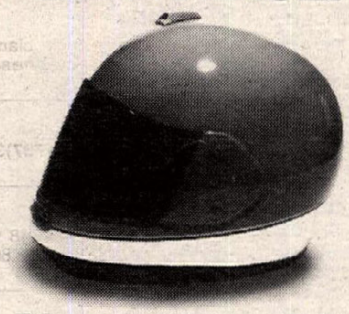

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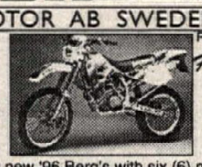

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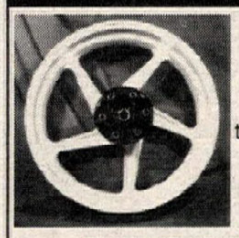

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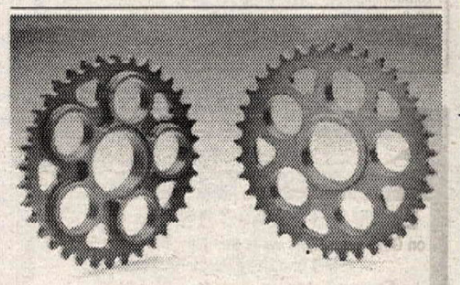

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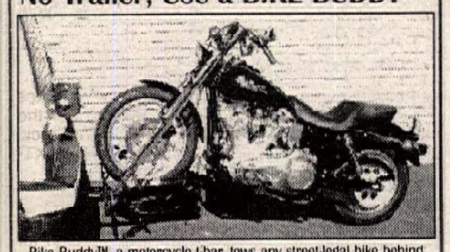

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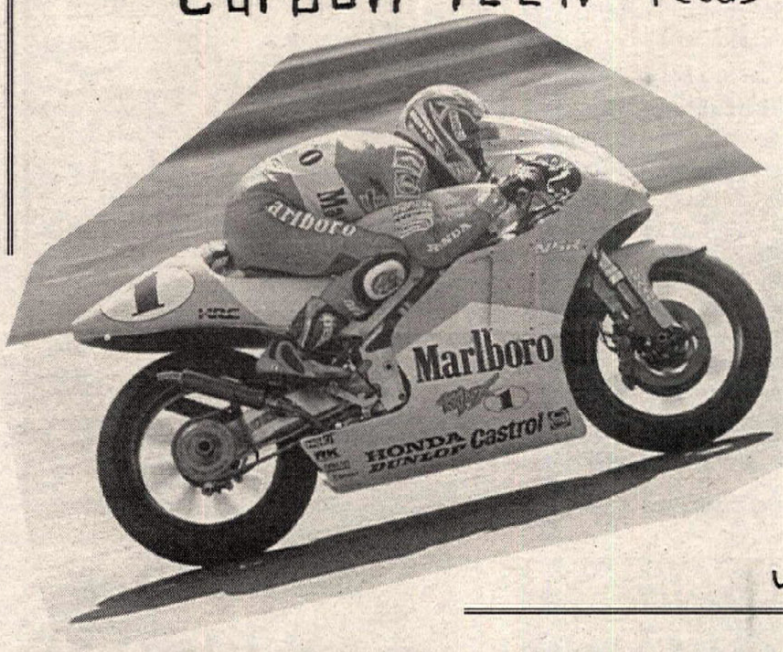

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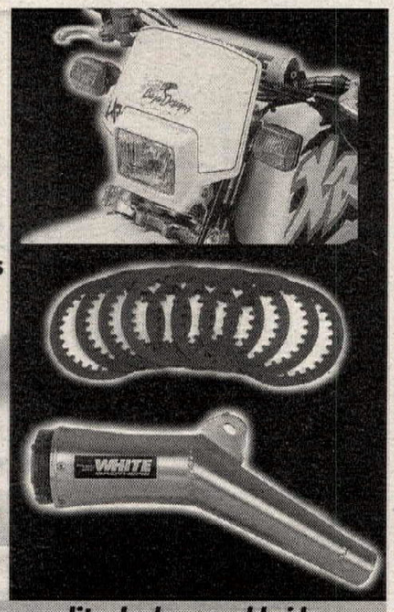

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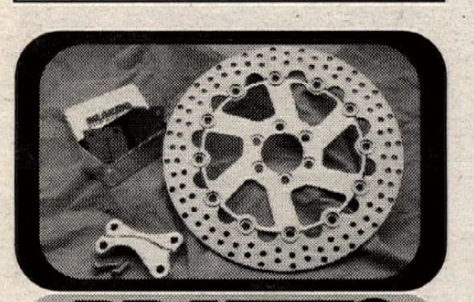

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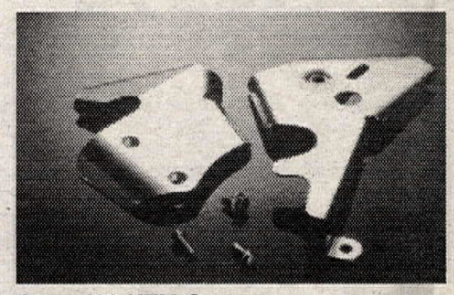

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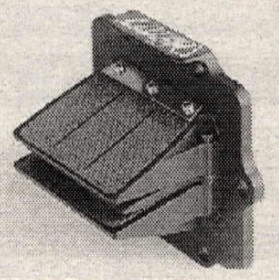

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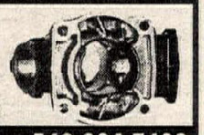

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IN THE TAPES

BY SCOTT ROUSSEAU

You would think that a sport such as speedway could not be more simple.

Take four riders; put them on simplistic, practically archaic motorcycles with no brakes; let them race like hell for four laps; and it's over.

And that's about how it happens, but it's the behind-the-scenes politics that surround - and often hamper - the sport in America that often appear to match the complexity of much more popular forms of motorcycle racing. To understand what I'm talking about, you need look no further than the political moves that have been made in the past month since the U.S. National Speedway Championship.

Let me try to explain it: At the upcoming AMA awards banquet in Las Vegas on December 13, the AMA will be honoring three speedway champions - one of them being World Champion Greg Hancock, who is exempt from this controversy. But the fact is that none of the three riders will be honored as the U.S. National Champion, and rightfully so.

The reasoning behind the lack of an AMA U.S. National Champion is simple enough, because no AMA-sanctioned U.S. National Championship was ever run. The traditional meeting that took place on October 4 at Costa Mesa Speedway was not sanctioned by the AMA, due to the argument over the legality of certain tires, which has been well-documented in the pages of *Cycle News* and is not worth rehashing here. Mike Faria won that meeting, and his future instatement as AMA U.S. National Champion - regardless of whether or not he was recognized as the legitimate number one by the AMA in Las Vegas - may not have been in doubt. But the AMA elected to name an AMA National Champion despite not having held a race to determine such a title.

Little more than a month ago, the AMA made a curious decision to name Bobby Schwartz as the AMA National Speedway Champion and invite him to the AMA awards banquet to receive the award and carry the number-one plate in 1998. According to AMA special projects manager Bill Boyce, Schwartz was appointed based upon his performance in the U.S. National Qualifier Series, which was an AMA-sanctioned series to determine the field for the U.S. National Championship. Schwartz won the four-round series, but when the AMA elected to withdraw its sanction of the National after an agreement on tires could not be reached with the event's promoter, International Speedway Inc., then the promoter basically threw the Qualifier Series out the window and elected to make the National an invitational, seeding the very best riders possible - which didn't necessarily include those who had competed and qualified through the Qualifier Series.

The news was not well-received by Faria and even less so by Schwartz, who never pretended to be anything other than the winner of the Qualifier Series - which he was. Concerned that the ramifications - against both himself and the sport - would be extremely negative, Schwartz contacted the AMA on Faria's behalf. He was told that if there was any way in which Faria could be recognized at the banquet, then the AMA would willingly oblige. Schwartz suggested that the AMA recognize Faria for his victory at the American Final, but was told that the event is in essence a qualifying round for the FIM World Championship.

However, upon further review, the AMA learned some things. It learned that the American Final is perceived throughout the world of speedway as a prestigious domestic title. Take a look at the international speedway press, such as Speedway Star, and you will find that Mike Faria is billed as the "American Champion." And the American Final was still an AMA-sanctioned meeting - regardless of its FIM-qualifier status - run under the points system that has always been used to decide such a title. Mike Faria earned that title this year.

Then again, the U.S. National Championship Qualifier Series perhaps marked the best speedway races in American speedway this year. Bobby Schwartz won that series hands down, and thus could be considered as the top man coming into the U.S. National. You know the rest of the story.

Nonetheless, despite the political squabbles, the AMA still wants to honor a speedway champion, because it is smart enough to recognize that the sport deserves and needs to be represented at the AMA awards banquet. Accordingly, Schwartz and Faria have put their heads together and figured out how to make the best of a bad situation. They have proposed the following: that the AMA honor both men at the banquet in December. I think that's a good idea.

Mike Faria will be recognized as the AMA American Champion for his achievement at the American Final, and Bobby Schwartz will also be recognized as the AMA U.S. National Qualifier Series Champion in honor of his performance throughout that series. Both riders feel that this is the best way - in light of the fact that no National Speedway Champion will be recognized in 1997 - to recognize both men in a proper fashion and not dupe the fans. After all, it is merely calling a spade a spade. Both men are being recognized for their accomplishments in AMA-sanctioned speedway racing this year. As far as the AMA is concerned, there will be no single National Champion in speedway this year. There was no AMA-sanctioned National.

And what about recognizing a National Champion for the sake of the record books? Well, in the past, the AMA has always adopted the "U.S. National Honor Roll" as the AMA National Champions list because a good relationship existed between the AMA and the SRA (Oxleys), whether or not a particular season or National was AMA-sanctioned. Obviously, this year was different. I hope that I'm not the only one who can understand and respect the fact that Mike Faria is not the AMA U.S. National Champion. Actually, I know I'm not, because I have spoken to Faria, and he does, too, regardless of how unfortunate the situation has been for him.

So, if 1997 becomes the transitional year in which no AMA National Champion is recognized in speedway, then I say, 'So what?' Think of it like a WBA- or WBC-sanctioned prize fight: If no mandatory title defense takes place, then the title goes vacant. It wouldn't be the first time that this has happened in speedway. It actually took place on the world stage before, at least with respect to second place, as American Shawn Moran was stripped of his silver medal in the 1991 World Final after testing positive for a banned substance. History shows that no one was ever awarded a silver medal in his place.

The AMA National Speedway Championship title will accordingly go vacant for 1997. No rider will wear the number one at an AMA-sanctioned track, and we can all look forward to a 1998 AMA National Championship Speedway Series, which I hear is in the planning stages.

So that's what it comes down to, as I see it. The AMA has finally stood up and done right by speedway. It could have made a huge mistake by naming Schwartz as the AMA National Champion, but instead it has set a precedent that everyone can live with. I feel it has begun a healing process and established a new order that may just get the sport of speedway moving forward in America by at least recognizing - in a legitimate way - the achievements of two very special individuals who have dedicated most of their lives to the sport and performed well in AMA-sanctioned events during the 1997 season. I view it as an extremely positive gesture with regard to the sanctioning body's relationship to the sport.

Speedway is at a crossroads right now. Here's to hoping that this "political move" on the part of the AMA, Mike Faria and Bobby Schwartz sends it down a very different and much more positive road. CN

LOOKING BACK...

30 YEARS AGO... NOVEMBER 30, 1967

Photographer Clyde Schnase caught CZ ace **Dave Bickers** "skimming" the mud at the Prospectors MC motocross in Castaic, California. Bickers won the 500cc International class over **Torsten Hallman** (Hus), but he finished second to Hallman in the 250cc International class. **Eddie Mulder** (Mon) won the 250cc Amateur Expert class, and **Keith Mashburn** (Bul) was the 100cc winner... There were at least two interesting ads for products that are no longer around: **Steen's** was touting its Ceriani competition suspension systems, and **Kasumi Oil** was billed as "the ONLY oil specifically made for 10,000 plus rpm performance"... Roxy Rockwood's **Finish Line** column outlined the dirt track rule changes that came about from the AMA competition committee meeting. Among them were the elimination of the two-day National format (a la Ascot Short Track/TT), the elimination of the Consolation race at dirt track Nationals, a call for higher minimum purses, and a calling off of the 350cc engine-limit rule.

20 YEARS AGO... NOVEMBER 23, 1977

Baja 1000 racer **Randy Hollenbeck** shared the cover with Anaheim Supercross contestants **Marty Smith** (9) and **Danny "Magoo" Chandler** (594). **Bob "Hurricane" Hannah** (Yam) won the event to put the icing on the cake of his 1977 AMA Supercross Championship... **Brent Wallingsford** and **Scott Harden** teamed up on a Dean Goldsmith-tuned Husky 390 to win the Baja 1000... The issue featured a **tech article** discussing weekly top-end maintenance for the serious racer... *CN* interviewed **Doug Mockett**, the new czar of AMA racing... **Bruce Ogilvie** on the 33rd Turkey Chase in Olancha, California... We took a ride on the factory **Harley-Davidson MX360 prototype** that was being used in the Trans-AMA motocross wars.

10 YEARS AGO... NOVEMBER 25, 1987

Bruce Ogilvie (Hon) shared the cover with the 1988 **Yamaha FZR400**. Ogilvie teamed with **Dan Ashcraft** to win the Baja 1000, while the baby FZR was one of the highlights of Yamaha's '88 street-bike offerings... An "In the Wind" item noted the expansion of **Laguna Seca Raceway** from 1.9 miles to 2.2 miles. It was hoped that the expansion would facilitate the hosting of a round of the World Championship Road Racing Series... **Husqvarna** was still in its American off-road glory days, as factory rider **Dave Bertram** edged teammate **Terry Cunningham** for the win at the Buckhorn National Enduro in Oak Run, California. Both were on Husky 430 Autos... **Sammy Bosnic** (Suz) pulled off an upset victory at the final round of the AMA National Cross Country Series in Mount Morris, Pennsylvania... **Tom Gonter** (Yam) shocked the motorcycling world with a truly inspirational overall win at the True Grits 50cc Fun Run in Suches, Georgia. CN

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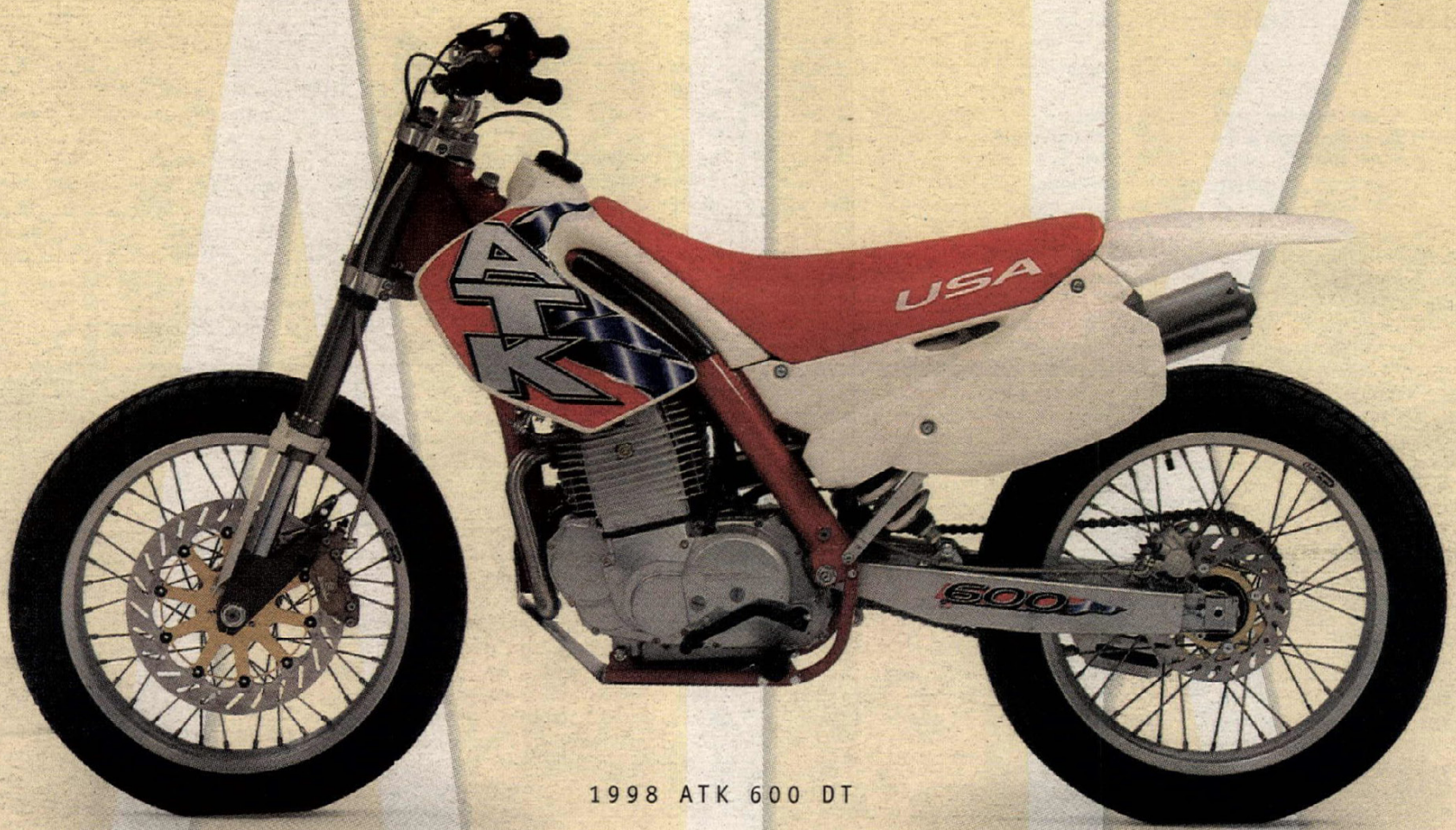

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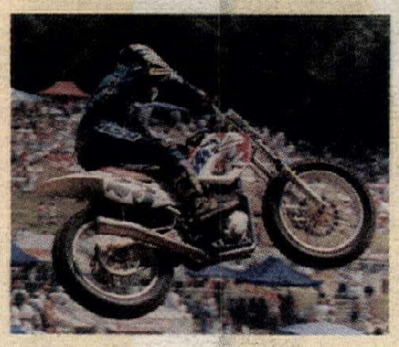

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